THE WEATHER
The indications are that it will be cloudy tonight, Saturday fair, colder during the evening and night, fresh to brisk southwest to west winds.

THE LOWELL SUN

5 O'CLOCK

ESTABLISHED 1878 | LOWELL, MASS. FRIDAY FEBRUARY 17 1905 | 10 PAGES ONE CENT

LATEST

PARTING WAS SAD

Mother Bade Tearful Farewell to Her Children

The parting of a mother and her six children in the guard room at the police station this forenoon was sad enough to touch the hardest heart. Mrs. Mylott's six children, Mary 12, Catherine 10, John 9, Frank 7, Margaret 4, and James 2 were removed from a home of poverty and filth, 10 Riverside avenue, off Stanley street, by Agent Richardson of the Humane Society, yesterday. The children were taken to the day nursery in the police patrol wagon and this morning, in police court, they were turned over to the overseers of the poor.

After the court proceedings had been gone through with the children and their mother were taken to the guard room down stairs and she was told to say good by to her little ones. Two of them were placed in the care of women who were on hand to take them home, women known to Secretary Courtney of the overseers of the poor. The other four were taken to the city farm where they will remain until such time as the overseers find suitable homes for them.

Agent Richardson of the Humane society told of the condition of things at the Mylott home and his story of the poverty and filth of the place was enough to make sick an apostle of cleanliness. Mrs. Mylott's husband died about two years ago and she was left with six small children on her hands. Her friends and neighbors sympathized with and assisted her until such time as they found that she had lost interest in herself and her children, and things went from bad to worse. Today's proceedings was the sequel to the sad affair. Although it was known to everybody who witnessed the parting of Mrs. Mylott and her children that she was unworthy of their sympathy the sadness of the sight appealed to them all. James, the baby boy, put his little arms about his mother's neck and cried as if his heart would break. Four-year-old Margaret pleaded with them not to take her mamma away and taking it all in all it was a session of tears and sorrow.

MAYOR OPPOSED

To B. B. Johnson's Latest Liquor Bill

TAKES REVENUE AWAY FROM THE CITY

City Solicitor Will Oppose the Bill

On Monday morning next, before the committee on liquor laws of the legislature a hearing will be given on the bill introduced by Lawyer B. B. Johnson of Waltham, the noted anti-license advocate providing that the money received for liquor licenses shall be paid half to the state and half to the county, thus taking a source of revenue from the city.

Mayor Casey today authorized City Solicitor Hogan to appear at the hearing on Monday and oppose the bill as His Honor does not believe that the revenue should be taken from the city as such a move would greatly increase the tax-rate.

POOR OVERSEERS

HEARING NEXT WEEK ON BILL TO ABOLISH THEM.

The hearing on the petition to the legislature for the abolition of the board of overseers of the poor will be held in this city next week, probably on Friday evening.

SPRING HATS

ARE NOW READY

The Talbot Clothing Co.

The Daylight | American House Blk.

PASSED "EXAMS"

For Postal Clerks and Letter Carriers

The list of candidates who passed the examination for positions as clerks and carriers at the local post office on Dec. 3 of last year, has been posted at the local postoffice and is as follows

CLERKS.

George E. Grady, 51 Central street, 88.65; Charles L. Kinsella, 9 Simpson place, 84; Louis N. Phaneuf, 467 Moody street, 83.50; John H. Shea, 28 Butler avenue, 83.40; Elias J. Hoopes, 344 Merrimack street, 81.65; Walter J. Kenney, 99 Washington street, 80.95; Arthur E. Judd, 123 Humphrey street, 80.40; Edward F. Harnden, 513 Gorham street, 79.90; John H. Murphy, 56 Arlington street, 79; Herbert W. Persons, 966 Lawrence street, 78.70; Walter B. Edgell, 628 Westford street, 78.60; John J. Coyne, 13 rear 15 Bassett street, 78.10; Kenneth E. Campbell, 83 Queen street, 78.05; Olaf A. Bernston, 125 Moore street, 77.45; Bruce I. Lawley, R. F. D., 1, 77.20; Arthur S. Pihl, Wamesit, 77.20; Joseph W. Burns, 427 Lakeview avenue, 74.10; William H. Mooney, 203 Moore street, 73.70.

CARRIERS.

Timothy J. Sullivan, 36 Merrill street, 87.30; John J. Harrington, 361 Concord street, 86.50; Hazen G. Pillsbury, 129 Midland street, 84.45; Peter H. Monahan, 6 rear of 24 Walnut street, 82.85; Michael J. Nestor, 41 Union street, 81.20; George L. Hunt; 125 Stackpole street, 80.70; Thomas A. McNamee, 247 Stackpole street, 77.85; James J. Kelley, 51 Second Avenue, 77.65; Jeremiah F. Connors, 21 Richmond street, 76.90; Enos A. O'Malley, 16 Bachman street, 75.15; James A. White, 129 Andrews street, 72.70.

DEATHS

HEROUX—Joseph Heroux died early yesterday at his residence, 183 Cheever street, aged 68 years, 9 months. He had lived 19 years in Lowell, and was a member of the Holy Family and Propagation of Faith sodalities of St. Joseph's parish. He leaves a wife, two sons, Cleophas Heroux of this city, and Ludger Heroux of Canada; and five daughters, Mrs. Aristide Bourgeault, Mrs. J. B. Langlois, Clorilda and Marie Heroux, all of this city, and Mrs. Louis Belanger of Canada.

HEALEY—Mrs. Julie Healey, widow of the late Cornelius Healey, died in Lawrence yesterday, after an illness of a few days. She came to this country from Ireland in 1882, and has a number of relatives and friends living in Lowell. She is survived by four daughters and one son, John Healey of this city. The funeral will be held on Saturday, in Lawrence.

LESSARD—Miss Celina Lessard, aged 15 years, 8 months, died yesterday morning at her residence, 22 Coolidge street, of consumption. She leaves a father, Vital Lessard, two sisters, Mrs. Napoleon Champagne of this city, and Mrs. Christos Parraskevas of Peabody, and one brother, France Lessard of Canada.

DEZIEL—Anna Deziel, aged four days, child of Arthur and Anna, died yesterday at the home of her parents, 119 Ford street.

MORRISSETTE—Joseph, infant son of Joseph E. and Laura Morrissette, died yesterday at the home of his parents, 83 Dalton street.

The Sweetest Hurdy Gurdy Music
For All Occasions is Furnished Only By
Michael Grosse and Marie Grosse
180 Charles Street.

GENERAL MILES

Paid Graceful Tribute to American Womanhood

LIEUTENANT GENERAL NELSON A. MILES ADDRESSING THE BOARD OF TRADE LAST NIGHT.

Famous Warrior Charms His Hearers at Board of Trade Banquet — Mayor Casey Denounces Calamity Criers—Annual Ladies' Night a Brilliant Success

The Lowell Board of Trade held its 18th annual banquet in Odd Fellows Temple last evening and the event was one of the most brilliant and withal charming in the history of that organization.

The board was particularly fortunate in having as its guest of honor Lieut. General Nelson A. Miles, who charmed his hearers with a beautiful and inspiringly patriotic speech, and another happy feature of the occasion was the presence of about 100 ladies, for the event was also Ladies' Night.

Many were there who expected of General Miles, a doughty warrior who in the popularly conceived gruff voice of a commanding officer would dilate upon martial topics and when they listened to one of the most graceful tributes ever paid to American womanhood spoken in a gentle, pleasing and well modulated voice they were most agreeably disappointed and demonstrated their pleasure in frequent and loud applause.

The guests of honor at the banquet were General Miles, Hon. Charles E. Ward, chairman of the ways and means committee of the House of Representatives, Mayor Casey, Rev. George E. Martin, D.D., and President Adams of the state board of trade.

Secretary of State William N. Olin was expected but owing to illness was unable to attend and sent Rep. Wood in his place.

Early in the evening General Miles, assisted by President E. J. Neale of the board of trade; Mayor Casey, and President Adams held a reception in the hall adjoining the banquet hall while the Lowell Ladies' orchestra rendered a program. All shook hands with the general and shortly aftr 7 o'clock the guests, some 200 or more, filed into the banquet hall where a fine menu was spread.

After dinner President E. J. Neale made a speech of welcome and referred briefly to the work of the board of trade. Incidentally he stated that the board of trade is unqualifiedly in favor of the abolition of the Merrimack street depot and the Thorndike street grade crossing. He then introduced Mayor Casey, who was warmly received.

Rev. George E. Martin, D.D., was the next speaker and his remarks were well received.

GENERAL MILES' REMARKS.

As Gen. Miles was introduced the entire audience arose and cheered him lustily. He spoke in part as follows:

"I thank you for this cordial greeting, this welcome. It is more than I deserve. I cannot find words to express my appreciation.

"This banquet is peculiar in one respect, unlike many that I have attended in many parts of the country. I congratulate you, in that you have brought with you the best part of your lives. You have brought that blessed influence that has made your lives prosperous and happy. You realize that there is one place where you can find a confidence and a friendship and an influence that will be safe for you to follow. It is home. If there is one blessed influence in America, and one that makes our nation prosperous and great, it is the home influence that governs the lives of our people.

"It has been my pleasure to circle the earth, to spend some time traveling through a nation of 400 millions of people struggling for existence. There is not enough patriotism in the interior of China, to last an American over night. They have no time to think of the welfare of their city or the possibilities of their nation. It is a struggle for existence, working 16 and 17 hours a day, for five cents worth of rice.

"I have journeyed across another country, with 130,000,000 people. Only 5 per cent. of the people could read or write. I wondered what they could be thinking about, with no books, no schoolhouses, no newspapers, no intelligence of the world.

"I journeyed over the countries of Europe, and noted the conditions there. Mighty armies tramped the earth, and the women were doing the work in the fields. They were supporting dynasties, emperors and despots, holding together by the mighty arm of physical force, but not by moral influence.

"I come back again with pleasure, to my own native country. There is nothing like it on earth. It is a nation where man is the sovereign, and where woman is the superior of the sovereign. It is sometimes said that American women are the worst spoiled women in the world. That statement was made by a high official in England some time ago, and replied to by an American lady, who said: 'That may be true, but they are spoiled by the best men on earth.'

"Men in America are sovereigns. Each individual has a deep interest and a great responsibility in the welfare of his country. You can make your city, your state, your nation, just what you will. You have wrought a grand work. You and your fathers have established and maintained the best system of government on earth. While there has been great necessity for individual heroism, fortitude, sacrifice and patriotism during the last fifty or one hundred years, there will still be quite as strong a requirement in the next ten, twenty, thirty and forty years, as in the past. I trust that the same patriotism, the same intelligence, the same devotion will be exercised, and I am quite sure that it will be, by both men and women, to hold our nation up to the high standards that have been established by our fathers, and maintained by you during our time.

"It has been my pleasure to visit every state of this great republic, and

Continued to page ten.

The jar, jar, jar of constant coughing!
Hammer blows, steadily applied, break the hardest rock. Coughing, day after day, jars and tears the throat and lungs until the healthy tissues give way. Doctors, know why Ayer's Cherry Pectoral cures. Sold for sixty years. J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.

COLUMBIA GRAPHOPHONES
Cylinder Records 25c
Disc Records Exchanged 50c
Outfits on Easy Payments.
Columbia PHONOGRAPH COMPANY
62 Central Street

ASSASSINATED

Grand Duke Sergius Killed by Explosion of Bomb

LONDON, Feb. 17.—A dispatch to Reuters Telegram company from St. Petersburg, says a telephone message has been received there from Moscow announcing that an explosion has occurred at the Kremlin, where the Grand Duke Sergius has been residing and that it is rumored that the Grand Duke was killed. The dispatch adds that no confirmation of the report has been obtained and that the population of Moscow is greatly excited.

According to another report, a bomb was thrown beneath Grand Duke Sergius' carriage and the latter with the Grand Duke was blown to pieces.

The Grand Duke Sergius, uncle of the Russian emperor and formerly governor general of Moscow, is understood to have been condemned to death by the revolutionary party in December last. The governor generalship of Moscow was abolished early in the year and the Grand Duke, according to dispatches from Moscow, January 4, kept closely to the well guarded Nicholaski palace on the outskirts of Moscow, retaining his position of commander-in-chief of the military district. Later in January, however, it was announced that the Grand Duke had sought refuge in one of the palaces of the Kremlin.

The Kremlin, situated in the centre of Moscow on a hill, 40 yards above the level of the Moscow river, dominates the whole of Moscow. It is a sacred spot for the Russians. It is an immense assemblage of churches, palaces and national monuments surrounded by a crenelated brick wall 20 yards high and having 21 towers.

ASSASSINS ARRESTED.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—Another dispatch to Reuters Telegram company from St. Petersburg says that a later telephone message from Moscow states that the Grand Duke Sergius was assassinated when driving towards the Kremlin and near the court of justice. His carriage was followed by another vehicle containing two men. A bomb was thrown beneath the grand duke's carriage, there was a violent explosion, the carriage was shattered and the grand duke was killed. The assassins were arrested. One of them was wounded dangerously. Several students have been taken into custody.

STUDENTS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 17.—The Associated Press has received a dispatch from Moscow stating that the Grand Duke Sergius, while driving in a carriage to the Kremlin at Moscow, today, was assassinated by a bomb which was thrown beneath his carriage. The carriage was blown to pieces. The assassins were arrested. One of them was dangerously wounded. Several students who were in the vicinity were taken into custody.

FUNERALS

BLINKHORN—The remains of the late Ellen Blinkhorn were consigned to their final resting place in the Catholic cemetery this morning. The funeral, which was largely attended by sorrowing relatives and friends of the deceased, took place from her late home, 45 Stanley street, at 8.30 o'clock and proceeded to St. Michael's church in Sixth street, where a high mass of requiem was celebrated at 9 o'clock by Rev. Dennis Murphy. The choir was in attendance and sang the Gregorian mass and during the service appropriate selections were rendered by the members of the choir.

There was a profusion of floral offerings in evidence showing the esteem in which the deceased was held by her many friends and acquaintances, the following being the most prominent: Pillow, bearing the inscription "Sister," from the family of the deceased; crescent and cross on base, bearing the inscription "Nellie," from the Mullen family, and Mr. and Mrs. John Pevey; star on base, Nichols family; cross, inscribed "At Rest," Rose Quington; wreath, Julia and Vera Henry; wreath, Delia Shield; large lyre, Morris family; basket, Khlan family; basket, James L. McDonald; basket, Mary Keith; cross, Coffey brothers; cross, Lowell Packing & Provision company; wreath, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Riley; wreath on base, bearing the inscription "Sleeping," Kate Dolan, Julia Sullivan, Margaret Barry, Lizzie Freeman and Margaret Hanley; basket, Lizzie and Ellie Reynolds, and sprays from the following: Mary Costello, Vera McArdle, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Keith, Margaret Mullen, Mr. and Mrs. James Furland, Jennie Donnelly, Garvy family, Mrs. McKennedy and family, Philip A. Donohoe, Collins & Gallagher, Edward Flynn, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Renimes and Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Cutter and Miss Sabina McInnenney of Nashua, N. H.

The bearers were Messrs. John J. Ingalls, James Reynolds, Edward Cooke, Joseph Coleman, John McArdle and Thomas J. Campbell.

The interment was in the Catholic cemetery where the committal prayers were read by Rev. Fr. Murphy. The funeral was under the direction of Funeral Directors James F. O'Donnell & Sons.

LABONNE—The funeral of the late David Labonne took place yesterday from his home 11 Carlton street. A solemn high mass was sung at St. Joseph's church. Rev. Fr. Lamothe, O. M. I., officiated, assisted by Rev. Fr. Desruches, O. M. I., as deacon, and Rev. Fr. Graton, O. M. I., as sub deacon.

The choir under the direction of Frank Gourdeau, sang Perreault's harmonized mass. Edouard Vincellette played the organ. The bearers were Onesime Roberge, Maurice Lambert, Edmond Charron, Joseph Landry, L. H. Carufel and Narcisse Ducharme. There were a number of beautiful floral offerings.

Burial was in the family lot in St. Joseph's cemetery, and Rev. Fr. Lamothe officiated at the grave. Undertaker Amedee Archambault had charge.

LUSSIER—The funeral of Mrs. Mathilde Lussier, widow of Louis Lussier, took place yesterday from her home in Chelmsford. Funeral was held at St. Joseph's church and Rev. Fr. Amyot, O. M. I., officiated. The bearers were Noe and Joseph Lussier, sons of the deceased; Ernest Simard, Jean B. Roberge, Alphonse Allan and Xavier Lussier. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery, and Undertaker Joseph Albert had charge.

KELLEY—The funeral of Miss Clara E. Kelley took place yesterday afternoon from the home of Charles D. Rollins, 5 Belmont street. Rev. J. M. Craig officiated and there was singing by Mrs. Jenkins and Mr. Hopkins. The bearers were C. L. Stevens, Charles T. Rollins, Mr. Challis and Royal Stevens. Burial was in the Edson cemetery. Undertakers Young & Co. had charge.

JAY COOKE DEAD.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 17.—Jay Cooke, whose fame as a financier is world-wide, died last night at the home of his son-in-law Charles D. Barney, at Ogontz, a suburb of this city. Mr. Cooke was 83 years old. He has been complaining of general debility, the result of old age, for several years.

His condition was not considered serious, however, and his death last night came rather suddenly. Last Monday he entertained as his guests 125 young ladies attending the Ogontz school and their friends. On that occasion he appeared to be in good spirits and was the last to leave the reception room.

THE ROLLAWAY
Is the latest craze. If you have not tried the pleasure of roller skating, get into the sport. There is nothing more pleasant in the line of healthy exercise than skating.
Remember the Rollaway is over the Bowlaway Alleys, and is located in the O'Dowd Block, Hurd St.
Hennessey & Bunker
PROPRIETORS.

SPECIALS AT YERXA'S GROCERY
For the Next Six Days

Friday, February 17, and Saturday, Feb. 18 — All For $1
1 doz. Fine Large Navel Oranges .....30c doz.
1 lb. Superior Tea..50c lb.
1 lb. Best Mocha and Java, 30c lb.
1 pk. Best Potatoes, 17c pk.
1 qt. N. Y. Pea Beans, 10c qt.
Smoked Shoulders.....7½c lb.

Monday, Feb. 20 and Tuesday, Feb. 21
Lenox Soap.....4c cake, 7 for 25c
Yerxa's Soap.....4c cake, 7 for 25c
Enameline, 5c size.....3c box
Enameline, 10c size.....6c box
Rose Milk .....8c can

Wednesday, Feb. 22, and Thursday, Feb. 23
Good Ripe Tomatoes, 7c can, 4 cans 25c
Patriot Brand Peas, 10c can, 3 cans 25c
Best Red Alaska Salmon.....12c can
Best Pure Lard.....8c lb.

There is not a grocery store in Lowell that is offering such values in first-class merchandise as we are—To arrive at the true valuation of food stuff you have to eat it.

Yerxa's
223 CENTRAL STREET. Tel. 679-3 Free Delivery

TRADE MARK DICKSON'S TEA STORE
Presents for Everybody
Those Good Teas
that we have been telling you so much about are still sold by us. It is our business. Give us a chance to show you that we know it.
DICKSON'S TEA STORE
68 Merrimack St.

AN EXTRA SESSION

May be Called by the President

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Representative Townsend of Michigan, one of the authors of the Esch-Townsend freight rate bill, had a talk with the president today regarding the prospects for the enactment of the measure into law. Mr. Townsend, who has canvassed the situation pretty thoroughly expressed the opinion that there was perhaps a chance for the passage of the bill by the senate at the present session. After his talk with the president, Mr. Townsend said, that in the event no legislation on the rate question was enacted at this session, an extraordinary session of congress would be called by President Roosevelt for next Autumn in October.

WITH THE PEOPLE

Chamberlain Will Rest His Political Fortune

LONDON, Feb. 16.—Joseph Chamberlain, the former colonial secretary, had a full house when he rose to address the House of Commons this afternoon on the fiscal amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the throne proposed by Mr. Asquith (Liberal) yesterday. A dissolution of parliament had no terrors for him, he said. He was quite content to trust his political fortune to the workingmen who for thirty years had placed their confidence in him so generously. In his opinion, the sooner a dissolution came the better. He hoped, however, that the government would not abandon its trust simply because the opposition wanted office.

Mr. Chamberlain declared the opposition's contentions in regard to a dissolution were a "fantastic pretense." The real object of the "foolish and ill-judged amendment" was to create dissension on the ministerial side. He had never said free trade ought to be abandoned but that the policy of free imports ought to be reformed as it stood in the way of freer trade. There was no difference between the premier and himself regarding the need of reform of the present policy and their only differences were in regard to holding a colonial conference—differences of method, not of principle.

Continuing, Mr Chamberlain ridiculed the opposition's contention that it was necessary to settle the question because of the effect of the fiscal agitation on trade pointing out that the whole foundation of the free trade argument was that trade was never better. A vote of the house or even of the country against his (Mr. Chamberlain's) fiscal policy would not settle the question. He had never supposed it would secure immediate acceptance but, defeat would not prevent him from continuing to advocate what he believed to be right. He had already on his side the great majority of the great party and the necessary recruits would be obtained from the present reactionaries.

Mr. Chamberlain concluded with expressing his belief that a colonial conference would be held and that the colonies would have a great deal to offer. He did not pretend that Great Britain should make concessions without reciprocal treatment and he did not believe that the British would reject the office of their own kinsmen nor lose a great opportunity which if not sized might never re-occur.

EIGHT INJURED

Explosion In Brooklyn Sulphur Works

WORKMEN JUMPED FOR THEIR LIVES

Firemen Rescued a Number of Men

NEW YORK, Feb. 16—Eight workmen were badly injured by an explosion of sulphur in the Brooklyn Sulphur Works in Brooklyn today and were removed to hospitals suffering from burns on face, arms and head and from inhaling the fumes of the burning sulphur.

Firemen and policemen, who brought them out of the building were themselves overcome by breathing the fumes and at one time ten firemen were lying in a row on the sidewalk, with ambulance surgeons administering milk and sulphur to them to overcome the effects of the fumes.

The building was three stories in height. The first explosion started on the ground floor, tearing up the floor above. This was soon followed by a second explosion and in a flash the whole building was in flames.

Several workmen were caught in a section of the building where there were no fire escapes and had to jump to the ground.

When the firemen arrived, men were hanging from windows and were taken down with the aid of scaling ladders.

The explosion is supposed to have been caused by the ignition of the sulphur grindings. It blew part of one wall in a creek, blew off a portion of the roof and bulged another wall so that it almost fell. Forty men were in the building, but only eight of them are known to be hurt. They were taken from the burning building only by the most heroic work of the firemen and policemen who went into the dense smoke of the burning sulphur.

The fighting of the fire was much pampered by the dangerous fumes and the firemen had to work in relays. One fireman was overcome by the flames and fell from a ladder suffering severe injuries. The loss was about $20,000.

Four of the workmen are believed to be fatally burned. They are Michael Cleary, Patrick Sweeney, Mr. McCullough and Michael Willahan.

The factory was devoted to the refining of sulphur and hundreds of gallons of the chemical were boiling in great vats when the explosion occurred.

Six of the workmen nearest the vats were covered by the sticky burning mass. Some of them became unconscious, while others rolled on the floor so blinded by the fumes that they could not see their escape. Several of the other workmen were slightly burned but they ran to the assistance of their more unfortunate comrades and helped to drag them to the street.

Economy

Is a strong point with Hood's Sarsaparilla. A bottle lasts longer and does more good than any other. It is the only medicine of which can truly be said

100 DOSES ONE DOLLAR

The Product of the

7-20-4

10c Cigar Factory

is now larger than that of any individual manufacturer in New England. The name R. G. Sullivan stamped on every cigar, insures quality.

R. G. SULLIVAN, Mfr., Manchester, N. H.

C. & S.
WASHING FLUID COMPOUND
Potash, Sal Tartar, Ammonia and Borax.
20c Can will make 2 gallons Fluid
Carter & Sherburne
CUT PRICE DRUGGISTS,
Merrimack, Cor. Bridge St.

STANDARD OIL MEN

WILL NOT DISCUSS THE LATEST MOVE.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—John F. Rockefeller, head of the Standard Oil company, now in Lakewood, N. J., has been informed of the action taken by the house of representatives requesting the department of commerce and labor to investigate the crude oil and petroleum situation, with special reference to recent developments in the Kansas field. Mr. Rockefeller received the news with considerable interest but declined to make any comment.

Officials of the company in this city also were disinclined to discuss the matter. H. H. Rogers said:

"In view of the limited information which has reached me and the fact that the Standard Oil company is already the subject of inquiry, I can say nothing regarding the matter. I am unacquainted with the nature of the investigation which has been set on foot. In any event, I cannot see the propriety of making a statement at this time."

WIRELESS TO PANAMA.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 16.—A representative of a wireless telegraph company is here arranging for the installation of a plant for communication with Panama by a direct coast route and by way of the East via Denver, Kansas City, Chicago, New York, Key West, Porto Rico and Cuba. Following this direct communication will, it is said, be perfected between this the Hawaiian Islands. An effort it now the Hawaiian Islands. An effort is now being made to secure the sites for the necessary stations in this city or in its vicinity.

FROM YESTERDAY'S LATE EDITION

POOR CHILDREN

Removed From a Dirty Tenement to Day Nursery

A family by the name of Milot was broken up at 10 Riverside avenue today by Agent Richardson of the Humane society because of the many complaints received by their neighbors. The family was in a deplorable condition and the six children were removed to the day nursery. Tomorrow morning, in police court they will be handed over to the overseers of the poor.

Agent Richardson found the six children in one bed huddled together in an endeavor to keep warm. There was but little clothing on the bed and the room was in a terrible condition. The children were dirty and the house was in a condition too miserable to describe.

Mrs. Milot was endeavoring to start a fire in a broken down stove when Mr. Richardson arrived. There were only a few sticks of wood and very little food in the house. Mrs. Milot's husband died about two years ago and the neighbors say that Mrs. Milot has been drinking more than is good for her. Mr. Richardson summoned the patrol and sent the children to the day nursery. He said the house was not fit for a human being to live in.

A LIVELY BLAZE

Rats Started a Threatening Fire

An alarm from box 24, shortly before three o'clock this afternoon, summoned a portion of the fire department to a lively blaze in a house at 194 Appleton street owned by Mrs. Nancy C. Hartford. The fire originated in a partition in the rear of the house and communicated to parts of an ell. The fire was presumably started by a rat's nest.

SAVE HIS FEET

AMPUTATION NOT NECESSARY IN MICHAEL MURRAY'S CASE.

The doctors at St. John's hospital believe that it will not be necessary to amputate one or both of Michael Murray's feet. Murray is the man whose feet were so badly frozen on the ice in Deadman's cove on the Concord river. It was stated at the hospital this afternoon that he is resting quite comfortably.

FUNERALS

DOLAN—The funeral of the late John Dolan took place this morning at eight o'clock from his home, 459 Riverside street, and was largely attended by relatives and friends of the deceased. The funeral cortege proceeded to St. Michael's church in Sixth street where a high mass of requiem was celebrated at nine o'clock by Rev. Francis Mullin. The choir was in attendance and sang the Gregorian mass and during the service appropriate selections were rendered by the members of the choir. There was a profusion of floral offerings in evidence.

The bearers were Messrs. Cossette, Duval, St. Ledger, Noonan, Kennedy and Martin. The interment was in the Catholic cemetery where the committal prayers were read by Rev. Fr. Mullin. The funeral was under the direction of Funeral Director Peter Davey.

WILL BE PARDONED

SHEA HAS SERVED SEVEN YEARS FOR MANSLAUGHTER.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Feb. 16—The petition for the pardon of James Shea of Newport, who in 1897 began an 18 years sentence for the manslaughter of his wife on July 28, 1895 was reported favorably by the legislative committee on pardons today and placed on the calendar. The petition was recommended by Governor Utter and was indorsed by Mayor Doyle of Newport, Judge Dubois of the supreme court, the prosecuting attorney general in the case and Chief Justice Douglas.

In the course of a quarrel Shea knocked his wife down and she died from the effects of the blow. He was sentenced in 1897 and has shown exemplary conduct during his imprisonment. He is about forty years old.

MILITARY CHANGES MAY BE ORDERD

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 16.—Many rumors are current of ministerial and military changes including a report that War Minister Sakharoff may be sent to relieve General Kuropatkin, and also one to the effect that M. Bulligan, minister of the interior, is not in sympathy with the situation and may retire in favor of General Trepoff, governor-general of St. Petersburg. The successor of M. Muravieff, former minister of justice appointed ambassador at Rome, has not yet been appointed. Almost anything is likely to happen but nothing definite can be ascertained.

M. Annensky, editor of Russian Wealth, who was arrested simultaneously with Maxim Gorky, the author and reform leader, was released yesterday. Upon his appearance before a scientific society last night, he was received with great enthusiasm.

NON-COMBATANTS ARRIVED AT CHEFOO

CHEFOO, Feb. 16.—A steamer with 117 non-combatants arrived here today from Port Arthur. Very few non-combatants now remain in that place.

Convalescent soldiers totalling 2500 will begin arriving at Chefoo Feb. 20. The local Russians are indignant, claiming that they are unable to care for the healthy let alone the invalids. They say they lack means of transport to take the invalids to Shanghai.

JAPS FIRING ON POUTILOFF HILL

MUKDEN, Feb. 15.—(Delayed in transmission.)—The Japanese fired Tuesday and are firing today on Poutiloff (Lone Tree) hill with eight-inch guns carrying 250-pound projectiles, indicating that they are siege guns used at Port Arthur and the first to be mounted in position before the Russian line below Mukden. A new situation therefore confronts the Russian center and the general situation appears to have been rendered more uncertain and complicated by the battle of Sandepas and the arrival of open weather, indicating an early spring.

At some parts of the lines there is unusual familiarity. Russian and Japanese officers in parties entertain each other. At Sinchinpu the Japanese had the Russian band.

OFFICERS ELECTED

BY R. I. GRAND LODGE OF NEW ENGLAND WORKMEN.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Feb. 16.—Every lodge in the jurisdiction was represented at the first annual session of the State Grand Lodge of New England Workmen held in this city today. The order was established in December, 1903, and the record of the first year was reported as most excellent and encouraging.

Officers elected were as follows:

General president, A. F. Bicknell, Woonsocket; general counsellor, J. J. Devenish, Providence; general superintendent, A. E. Covell, Warren; general manager, Charles C. Rhodes, Pawtucket; general secretary, Frederick E. Phillips, Providence; general treasurer, Wm. M. Moore, Providence; general trustee, Fred E. Whitaker, Woonsocket. The installation occurred in the afternoon.

ROBERT CONROY, Appointed to the state bureau of labor statistics by Governor Douglas. The job is to be permanent, and the salary is understood to be liberal.

THE CANAL ZONE

Bill Presented For Its Government

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Senator Kittredge today introduced a bill for the government of the canal zone which is similar to the Mann bill passed by the house today. The provision of the Mann bill abolishing the Isthmian canal commission is not made a part of the Kittredge bill.

A LIVING BANK

"APPLE MARY" SENT TO JAIL FOR BEGGING.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—"Apple Mary" was arrested for begging along the water front yesterday, and when she was searched more than $300 in pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, halves, dollars, half eagles and eagles were found hidden in her rags. When she opened her mouth two five-dollar gold pieces fell out.

"Apple Mary," once was known as Mrs. John Ward. She came from Ireland fifty years ago, and after her marriage knew fifteen years of prosperity and happiness. Then her husband was taken ill and while she was caring for him the medicines became mixed and she gave him poison instead of the medicine. He died. A short time afterwards her son, aged 14, died.

For a time she woman took her son's books to the school he had attended, telling the teachers that he had forgotten them, and asking that he be sent home as soon as school was over. Gradually her savings disappeared and she began selling fruit to sailors. They aided her and she liked their hearty manners. Finally the fruit trade was replaced by mendicancy, and the basket she carried was a blind to her demands for money.

A policeman caught her begging yesterday and dragged her, fighting, to the station house. When asked if she had any money she whined and finally drew out a small bit of paper in which she had wrapped a few pennies.

"On my soul, I have not another cent," she said. But the matron's search revealed the cash in her stockings, shoes and corsage. From her bodice a half peck of quarters, half dollars and dollars was taken.

Magistrate Steinert, in the Tombs court, sent her to the Island for two months, on her own request. The woman has a large account in a savings bank.

BACK TO SENATE

AGRICULTURAL APPROPRIATION BILL WILL BE SENT.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—The Payne resolution sending the agricultural appropriation bill back to the senate because it contained original legislation affecting the revenues was adopted on a roll call of 261 to 52.

ANOTHER BIG ONE

THE LATEST DIAMOND WEIGHS 334 CARATS.

JOHANNESBURG, Transvaal, Feb. 16.—A diamond weighing 334 carats has been discovered in the vicinity of the place where the Premier, the largest diamond ever unearthed, was recently found. It is valued at $400,000.

The discovery of the largest diamond ever found, weighing 3032 carats, and said to be a pure white stone, was announced from Johannesburg, January 27. It was locally valued at $3,500,000 to $4,000,000. The diamond was found near Pretoria.

CHANGE FAITH

CONGREGATIONALISTS JOINED THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

EAST BROOKFIELD, Mass., Feb. 16.—The Congregational church in this town has changed its faith by unanimous vote and has united with the Episcopal church diocese of Western Mass. Following the vote of the four hundred members of the church a petition for this union was sent to the proper committee of the diocese and was accepted by that committee. The society owns a large and handsome church building and is free from debt.

This is believed to be the first time in this country that so large a church body has changed its faith without division among its members.

ANTI-CIGARETTE BILL.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 16.—A bill prohibiting the sale and manufacture of cigarettes was introduced in the assembly today by Mr. Sullivan. The penalty is not less than $50 or more than $1,000 fine.

FILIPINOS LEAVE ST. LOUIS.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 16.—Nearly 300 Filipinos, comprising the battalion of Philippine scouts, who were at the world's fair, have left in a special train for Fort Thomas, Ky. They will be quartered there for a time preparatory to their departure for Washington, D. C., to take part in the inauguration ceremonies, after which they will return to the Philippine islands.

CYRUS LOTHROP DEAD.

TAUNTON, Mass., Feb. 16.—Cyrus N. Lothrop, a philanthropist of this city, is dead at his home here, aged 77 years. He recently presented the city with a soldier's monument and bought the old Presbyterian church and gave it to the local G. A. R. post for a hall. He had made many other liberal gifts for public purposes. He was born in Boston. He leaves no family.

TORPEDO BOATS FOR SALE.

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 16—As a result of the abandonment of Esquimault naval station, two torpedo boats are offered for sale at public auction.

COTTON FUTURES.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Cotton: Futures closed firm. Feb., 7.40; March, 7.41; April 7.42; May, 7.44; June, 7.46; July, 7.49; Aug. 7.52; Sept. 7.55; Oct. 7.58; Nov. 7.59; Dec. 7.63.

CASTORIA
For Infants and Children.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher

AMATEUR BURGLAR

NEARLY GOT AWAY WITH $50,000 WORTH OF JEWELRY.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—An amateur burglar of 18 walked past a houseful of servants into the home of Mrs. William Woodward, 11 West 51st street at 4 yesterday afternoon and all but got away with $50,000 worth of jewelry.

The youth suddenly decided to become a burglar when he saw the basement gate of the fine Woodward mansion open. He was in the act of breaking open a casket of valuable jewels when Mrs. Woodward's maid entered the room. Each was equally startled on beholding the other. The amateur burglar dropped the jewel casket, which broke and scattered its valuables over the floor.

The maid screamed in fright and turned to run, but the burglar struck her a blow that threw her to the floor unconscious. He seized a diamond studded watch and leaped down the stairs four steps at a time. At the bottom he ran into the arms of John Reasley, the butler. Small as was the youth, he grappled with the butler, and a fierce fight lasted many minutes before he was subdued.

At the police station he said he was Abraham Gordowitz, 18 years old, of 186 West End avenue. Gardowitz's parents told the police that their son ran away from home six weeks ago and they had not known what became of him.

FOUND NOT GUILTY

NEGRO BOY WAS ACCUSED OF MURDER.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Feb. 16—Sam Bowen a 17 year old negro student of the Georgia State college for colored youths, has been found not guilty of the charge of murder of Prof. E. N. Cotton, a member of the faculty. The professor ejected Bowen from a class room Feb. 2, after an altercation. He followed the boy threatening him with a stick. Bowen hurled a brick, which struck Cotton on the head and caused his death.

PRESIDENT GAWTRY RESIGNS.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Harrison E. Gawtry, president of the Consolidated Gas Company has resigned, according to the Times. It is understood the resignation was presented to the directors early in the year after the president had left for California where he went for the benefit of his health.

Mr. Gawtry is not only a director in all the subordinate committees which are controlled by the Consolidated Gas Co., but also of several other financial institutions in this city.

DIVORCE RECORD

JUDGE FITZGERALD GRANTED ONE DECREE IN 12 MINUTES.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Judge Fitzgerald in the supreme court has established a new record for disposing of undefended divorce cases. Seventeen decrees were granted at the rate of one every 12 minutes.

Most of the applicants were foreigners.

CHIEF OF POLICE

HAS BEEN SUSPENDED FROM DUTY.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 16.—As a result of the recent scandals in the police department, in connection with gambling in the Chinese quarter, Chief of Police Witteman has been suspended from duty on charges of incompetency and neglect of duty.

WILL WED DUKE

PRINCESS VICTORIA TO BECOME A BRIDE.

COBURG, Duchy of Saxe-Coburg, and Gotha, Feb. 16.—The betrothal is announced of the Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha to the Princess Victoria, eldest daughter of Duke Frederick of Schleswig-Holstein-Sonderburg-Glucksburg. The princess is a niece of the German empress, while the bridegroom elect is a nephew of King Edward of England.

Charles Edward, duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha (duke of Albany) was born July 19, 1884, and is the son of the late Prince Leopold, duke of Albany, brother of King Edward.

NEW BOWLING RECORD.

CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—The Bensingers of this city have established a new world's bowling record for three games by rolling an average of 1061 1-3. The best previous accepted record was that of the empires of this city, when they rolled an average of 1056 2-3.

CHICHESTER'S ENGLISH
PENNYROYAL PILLS
Original and Only Genuine. SAFE. Always reliable. Ladies, ask Druggist for CHICHESTER'S ENGLISH in RED and Gold metallic boxes, sealed with Blue Ribbon. Take no other. Refuse Dangerous Substitutions and Imitations. Buy of your Druggist, or send 4c. in stamps for Particulars, Testimonials and "Relief for Ladies," in letter, by return Mail. 10,000 Testimonials. Sold by all Druggists. Chichester Chemical Co. Madison Square, PHILA., PA.

FOLEY'S KIDNEY CURE
Makes Kidneys and Bladder Right

J·L·CHALIFOUX
49 to 59 CENTRAL ST.

WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT

EARLY SPRING WAISTS

A waist is almost the first new spring garment the average woman thinks of buying, so in anticipation of your desires, we'ue insisted on early shipments. As a result, we're now ready with the latest creations for spring.

Spring Waists, made of black and white and all white mercerized madras and white lawns, with broad pleats, full fronts, leg of mutton sleeves and fancy stock collar **98c**

Spring Waists, made of fancy white stripe P. K. and fine mercerized madras, with fine lace and embroidered trimmings and insertions, full pleats and leg of mutton sleeves - - - **$1.50**

Spring Waists, made of white lawn and fine linen, with embroidered front and trimmings, full sleeves, pleated back and front - - - - **$2.00**

Spring Waists, pure linen waists in white only, trimmed with pleats in front and back, full sleeves and newest style stock and cuffs - - - **$2.50**

NOTHING SUCCEEDS LIKE SUCCESS

CHALLENGE SALE OF BEST GROCERIES
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

M. O'KEEFFE
54 Middlesex St., near Traders' Bank; 513 Merrick near Tremont St.
TEL. 1378-2.

The Very Best Pure Creamery Butter .....29c lb.
The Very Best Smoked Shoulders .....7½c lb.
The Very Best Salt Pork Ribs ..... 8c lb.
The Very Best Eastern Green Mountain Potatoes .....15c peck
The Very Best Bread Flour (none better) .....85c Bag
10 lb. pail Swift's Pure Leaf Lard 85c
10 lb. pail Swift's Jewel Lard 63c
North's Best Mixed Bacon .....12c lb.

The Very Best Pea Beans..7c qt.
Best Canada Peas.....6c qt.
17 Sweet Navel Oranges.....25c
Best Messina Lemons...15c doz.
Good Mixed Pork.....7c lb.
Best Brisket Pork.....9½c lb.
20c bottle Superior Catsup...12c
15c bot. Hartshorn Ammonia, 8c
10c pkg. Peerless Corn Starch, 5c
Regular 30c Brooms cut to...25c
Kennedy's Best Soda Crackers, 5c lb.
Kennedy's Best Common Crackers .....5c lb.
Kennedy's Best Ginger Snaps, 5c lb.
Kennedy's Best Lemon Crackers, 5c lb.
Kennedy's Best Nic Nac Crackers .....5c lb.
Kennedy's Best Graham Crackers .....10c lb.
Kennedy's Best Smyrna Fig Bars, 10c lb.
Kennedy's Best Tea Biscuits, 8c lb.
Kennedy's Zu Zu Ginger Snaps, 4c pkg.
Very Best Tea (all flavors), 40c lb.
Very Good Tea.....20c lb.
Very Best Coffee.....25c lb.
Very Good Coffee.....15c lb.

All goods guaranteed. Prompt delivery to all parts of Lowell and vicinity.

EQUITABLE LIFE

Big Fight For Control of Millions

EFFORT TO DRIVE OUT PRINCIPAL OWNER

Vice President Hyde Holds Majority of Stock

NEW YORK, Feb. 16—The crucial point in the contest involving control of four hundred millions of dollars will be reached this afternoon, when the directors of the Equitable Life Assurance Society meet to consider the question of changing the association from a stock to a mutual company. On one side is James H. Hyde, vice president and holder of a majority of the society's capital stock, while arrayed against him is President James W. Alexander of the association together with 38 other officers of the society.

President Alexander and his supporters have proposed a plan to change the association from a stock to a mutual company. Their proposition agreed to, Mr. Hyde's friends declare would practically eliminate Mr. Hyde from the management of the company even though his majority holdings of the stock of the company was retained. It was said that the re-organization contemplated the retirement of Mr. Hyde as vice-president.

Both Mr. Hyde and President Alexander had given out statements prior to today's meeting defining their respective positions and it was apparent from these that the positions of the opposing interests were widely separated. Mr. Hyde had declared that while he favored the mutual plan to a certain extent he had no intention whatever of giving up his control of the company. President Alexander's statement, declared that Mr. Hyde's retirement was a matter of first importance to all of those interested in the association. Directors who are affiliated with both sides attempted yesterday and early today to bring about an agreement. So far as known, however, no compromise has been effected.

It is said that at the meeting of the directors a week ago, Mr. Hyde offered to place the 510 shares which he controls in the hands of the directorate for five years. These shares, whose par value is but $51,000 are held by Mr. Hyde, his mother and his sister, Mrs. Sidney Dillon Ripley. This offer was refused.

Mr. Hyde has suggested a plan looking to the mutualization of the society. This plan provides for the appointment of a representative committee, the composition of the committee to be such that no charges of one man rule can be made against it. The Hyde party also offered through its counsel to mutualize the company and then have the board of directors directly responsible to the policy holders for the active management. This plan was also rejected, the opposite side claiming that as the majority of the directors were appointed by the Hyde interests the obvious result would be to strengthen Mr. Hyde.

ALDERMAN COSGROVE

ELECTED GENERAL MANAGER OF ST. PETER'S REUNION.

A largely attended meeting of the men of St. Peter's parish was held last evening in the fair hall, to make arrangements for the coming parish reunion on March 1st. Rev. W. George Mullin called to order, stating briefly the object of the meeting, and Frank J. Campbell and John V. Donoghue were chosen chairman and secretary respectively. Alderman D. J. Cosgrove was elected general manager of the sociable, John J. Hamilton floor marshal and John Nolan chairman of the reception committee. Various subcommittees were appointed, and those present pledged themselves to work untiringly for the success of the affair. Another meeting will be held February 27th. Among those present at the meeting was His Honor Mayor James B. Casey, who is a resident of the parish.

HEART FAILURE

CAUSED DEATH OF A JAPANESE ACTRESS.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Kimi Morita, an actress from Tokio, Japan, who came with her sister to this country to perform at the St. Louis Fair, is dead here from heart failure.

The dancer was the daughter of a theatre proprietor in Tokio. She was 21 years old and came here with her sister at the close of the fair. The two had filled since then engagements at the homes of some of the most prominent social entertainers in the city.

SHOE FACTORY

MR. McEVOY CONSULTS WITH MAYOR CASEY REGARDING PROPOSED NEW PLANT.

John W. McEvoy, Esq., who is interested in the movement to get the Mawhinney Shoe company to locate here, held a conference with Mayor Casey at city hall this morning in relation to the matter to solicit the mayor's aid in getting the company to build its plant here. His honor, who was the originator of the committee on industries of the city council which was established for just such purposes, assured Mr. McEvoy that he would do all in his power to aid him in the matter. It is probable that the committee on industries will consider the matter at an early date.

WILL SELL RAILROAD.

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 16—The sale of the Esquimault and Nanaimo Ry. to the Canadian Pacific Ry. will me completed upon passage of a formal act of ratification by the dominion parliament. The property involved in the transfer includes the railroad from Victoria to Wellington, chase price is said to be about $1,250,000.

WILL CARRY MAILS.

WOODS HOLE, Mass., Feb. 16.—The revenue cutter Mackinac has been ordered to take mails and provisions to Nantucket tomorrow. The island of Nantucket has been ice-bound more than two weeks. The Mackinac broke through the ice last Sunday, reaching the island with ten days' mail then due and a large quantity of supplies.

FAUNCE'S PAPER

Most Important at Religious Convention

BOSTON, Feb. 16.—No convention of an educational character held in Boston has been marked by more meetings than those held yesterday by the Religious Educational Association and those arranged for today, when the convention was to be brought to a close. The various sessions so far have been attended not only by accredited delegates to the convention, but also by many people of Great Boston, who have been attracted by the scope and variety of the topics discussed and by the ability of the speakers. Interest in today's meetings centered largely in the session of the general convention at which President Wm. H. Faunce of Brown university was to present the most important paper of the entire convention. This was a survey of the progress made in religious and moral education during the preceding year. President Faunce was chosen to make a study of this nature at the last convention which was held in Philadelphia. Previously to this address the association had arranged to elect its officers for the ensuing year.

At the business session proceedings were opened with prayer by Rev. Albert E. Dunning of Boston, editor of the Congregationalist. The general secretary, Clifford W. Barnes, then read his report. He declared that the association now had passed beyond the experimental stage and was on a firm footing. What was needed now, he said, was an endowment of at least $20,000 to meet the general needs of the association. He said an effort was being made to increase the membership from 2,000 to 5,000.

The committee on nominations then reported a list of officers for the coming year and the report was unanimously adopted. The following were elected:

President, Bishop Wm. F. McDowell, of the Methodist church, Chicago; vice-presidents, President Wm. H. Faunce of Boston university; Bishop Wm. Lawrence of the Episcopal church, Mass.; George F. Peabody, Brooklyn, N. Y.; President Benjamin Ide Wheeler, of the University of California; President Cyrus Northrop of the University of Minn.; R. Douglas Frazer, Toronto; President G. Stanley Hall of Clark university, Worcester; Appleton T. Williams, Boston, president of the Massachusetts Sunday School Association; Rev. Wm. J. McKitterak, St. Louis; Rev. H. C. Mabie, Boston; Prof. F. N. McMurry, of Columbia university; Wm. Sloane, New York City; Prof. H. C. McDougall, of Wellesley college; Prof. Richard G. Moulton, of University of Chicago; Dr. J. H. Buckley, New York, editor of the New York Christian Advocate and President L. Clark Zelle of Smith college.

Twenty-two directors at large and 18 state directors also were chosen. The committee on resolutions reported thanks to churches, organizations, individuals and the press for cordial hospitality and valued service duding the convention.

The committee declared the aim of the association to be three fold; First, to inspire the educational forces of the country with the religious ideal; second, to inspire the religious forces of the country with the educational ideal; third, to keep before the public mind the religious educational ideal with a sense of its value.

President Hall of the association took occasion to acknowledge the cordial attitude of Boston toward the great movement represented by the religious education association. It was voted to increase the membership fee to $3, from $2.

Rev. Spencer B. Messer of Detroit reported that the association debt was $6000 two weeks ago, but that it had been entirely underwritten by various members, including Presidents Harper of the University of Chicago and Hall of Clark university.

It was voted that membership in the various departments in the future should depend upon a written declaration of intention to join, it being understood that persons could hold membership in several departments if so desired.

This concluded the business of the session and practically of the convention as the election of an executive board is in the hands of the directors and the executive board in turn elects secretaries, a treasurer, etc.

Following the business session, President W. H. P. Faunce of Brown university presented the chief paper of the convention, "The annual survey of progress".

VACATIONS CUT

POSTAL CLERKS LOSE A FEW DAYS.

The vacations of the clerks in the Lowell postoffice, as well as those in all other first and second class postoffices in the country, will be cut short from three to four days as the result of an opinion of the controller of the treasury recently announced, that the vacations shall include Sundays and holidays.

Heretofore the clerks have been able to be away from their duties in the office 18 or 19 days according to the number of Sundays and holidays which were included within the dates of their vacations, and the leave of absence has been equivalent to nearly three weeks.

The controller's opinion is that "the law granting 15 days leave of absence with pay to clerks in first and second class postoffices means 15 days, including intervening Sundays and holidays."

BARGE SUNK

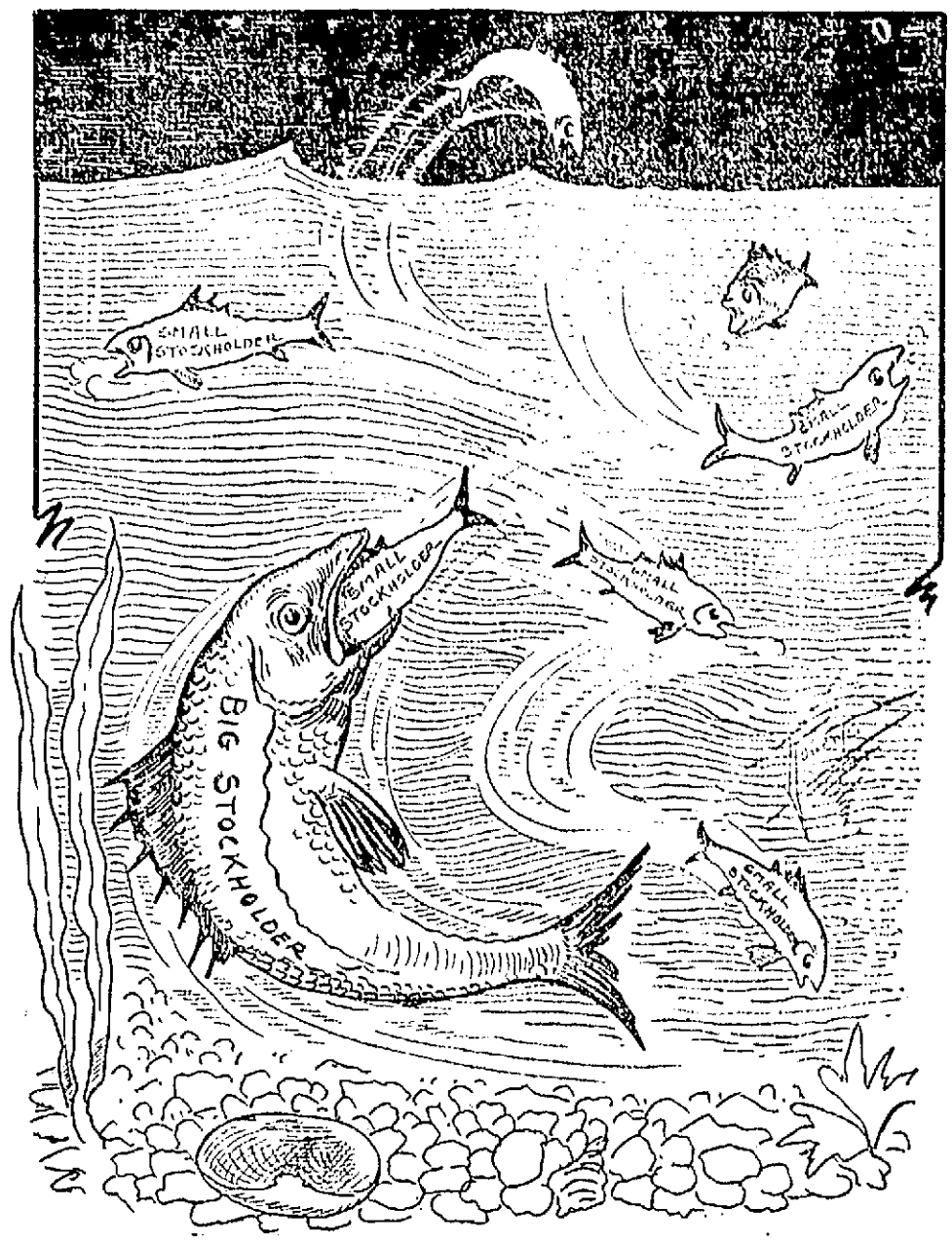
IT CARRIED A CARGO OF COAL.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Feb. 16.—According to a telegram, received today, by Doe and Little, local coal dealers, the barge Hurricane, consigned to them from New York with a cargo of coal, was sunk off Execution Light in New York harbor last night. Details of the fate of the crew were not given. The commander of the craft is Captain Walter E. Walker.

COPPER SHARES STRONG.

BOSTON, Feb. 16.—Copper shares in the early Boston market today were strong with trading active. Greene was in good request, advancing ⅜ to ¼. Arbitrage houses bought U. S. Steel.

United Shoe Machinery shares continued in good demand, the common advanced 1½ in the first hour to a new high record of 91½ and preferred to 39½, a series of six points.



THE ALLEGED DANGER OF THE BIG FISH EATING UP THE LITTLE IS THE BOGEY THAT FRIGHTENS SOME STOCKHOLDERS IN OUR LOCAL CORPORATIONS.

SHEKEL STOLEN

Was One Paid Judas Iscariot

BOSTON, Feb. 16.—One of the thirty pieces silver shekels, said in the Scriptures to have been the price paid Judas Iscariot, was stolen from Marx Fischer, if his statement to the police can be believed. He says he has refused an offer of $22,000 for it. Other coins he lost bring the total up to between $50,000 and $60,000.

Fischer is one of the proprietors of the automobile exchange of Libaschic & Fischer, No. 220 West Thirty-sixth street, and his apartments are in the same building.

As to the Judas Iscariot shekel, Fischer says that it is one of a collection of coins which he has been making for twenty years, and which, if his description be true, is of a most remarkable nature for its character and size.

Fischer says he discovered it several years ago at an auction, where its real nature and value were not realized. He declares a member of the London branch of the Rothschild family offered him $22,000 for the shekel, but he would not part with it.

Among others in the collection was an Egyptian coin he called an "Adam and Eve" coin, and which, he declared, was fully 3000 years old; a Greek coin bearing the images of Jupiter and Venus, which, Fischer believes, is even older; a coin of Pope Gregory VII, 1200 years old; an ancient English coin with the image of St. George, and several silver coins of various European countries of the fourteenth, fifteenth and sixteenth centuries.

ACCUSES MOTHER

BOY SAYS HE WAS TAUGHT TO STEAL.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Howard Sheron told Justice Wyatt in the children's court yesterday that he had been taught by his mother to assist her in shoplifting. He gave details of how the operations were carried on.

The boy said his mother sat at a counter with a satchel between her feet. He said that he then crept along and dropped into the satchel various things he took from the counters, unseen by the store people. He was remanded until Saturday, to await the result of the trial of his mother.

The mother, Mrs. Annie Sheron, of 922 Hamilton avenue, Brooklyn, became hysterical after she and the boy were arrested in a Sixth avenue store on Tuesday. She fell and hurt her jaw and the police sent her to St. Vincent's hospital, when she was taken to the Jefferson Market police court yesterday morning she fell in a fit and could not be taken before Magistrate Flammer. He went down into the prison to her.

"I didn't steal anything," cried Mrs. Sheron, feebly, as she sat in a chair supported by Mrs. Ferriss of the Salvation Army, the magistrate standing before her.

Detective Kash repeated his story of the theft, and Magistrate Flammer held the prisoner for trial in $300 bail. Mrs. Sheron is 31 years old. The boy when arrested said that he had had nothing to eat but a slice of dry bread since Monday morning.

STEAMER ASHORE.

PERTH, West Australia, Feb. 16—The Orient line steamer Orizaba with passengers and mails for Sydney, N. S. W., is ashore off Garden Island, 20 miles out of her course. Her position is not considered dangerous. British cruiser Katoomba has gone to the Orizaba's assistance.

THE OIL INQUIRY

Will Be Commenced Without Delay

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—President Roosevelt has directed James R. Garfield, commissioner of corporations of the department of commerce and labor, to begin immediately the oil investigation requested by the house of representatives yesterday in a resolution adopted unanimously. The president has directed a letter to Commissioner Garfield in which he has given his directions and printed in outline his views.

SAVE $500,000

FIVE GARRISON REGIMENTS WILL BE DISBANDED.

HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 16.—By disbanding five garrison regiments which the British government has maintained for years the home authorities expect to effect a saving of $500,000 annually. One of the regiments, the Fifth Royal garrison regiment, is located in Halifax, and orders have been received to end its existence on April 1. Men who are not required can be attached to other regiments or receive a bonus and give up the service.

LOST HIS LIFE

MAN WENT FOR MEDICINE FOR SICK CHILD.

SHEBOYGAN, Mich., Feb. 16.—Albert Fluery walked on the ice from Bois Blanc island to this city Saturday night to get medicine for his sick child. The mercury was 16 degrees below zero and a wild storm was on but he set out about midnight with a lantern and compass to return home. That was the last seen of him and there is little doubt that he perished and his body was covered up by drifting snow.

FOUND DEAD

BOSTON DOCTOR JUMPED FROM A WINDOW.

BOSTON, Feb. 16.—Dr. Israel T. Hunt, a well known physician of Charlestown, was found dead on the sidewalk in front of his home at Monument square today. Both legs were broken and there was a serious injury on his head. It is supposed that he arose in a demented condition and jumped out of the window of his room, which was on the second floor. Dr. Hunt was sixty-five years old.

POSTMASTER THOMPSON

WAS A JUROR IN THE SULLIVAN CASE.

Postmaster A. G. Thompson of this city was one of the jurors who sat on the case of Congressman Sullivan, referred to recently in congress and recalls the case very clearly.

WILL ADDRESS YALE STUDENTS.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Feb. 1.—Baron Kehtaro Kaneko, the special envoy of the Japanese government in this country will deliver an address before the students of Yale university on the evening of March 8.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

TOWN ISOLATED

Because of Small-Pox Outbreak

PEORIA, Ills., Feb. 16—Not even a telegraph message can reach Smithfield, a village 40 miles west of here on the Toledo, Peoria and Western R. R. so strict is the small-pox quarantine and so great is the ravage wrought by the malady. The last means of communication with the outside world was cut off when the telegraph office was closed by the illness of the operator. Many deaths have occurred and the state officials have prohibited the stopping of trains at the village.

PATRICK'S APPEAL

WILL BE BROUGHT UP NEXT MONTH.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16—A committee selected by the Medico-Legal Society to investigate the cause of death of Wm. Marsh Rice, the aged millionaire, who died in 1900 and for whose murder Attorney Albert T. Patrick has been awaiting execution 25 months, has made its report.

The committee furnished replies to a list of hypothetical questions and asserts, in substance, that valet Charles Jones made a misstatement when he testified to having administered chloroform to Rice. The assertion is made that such an amount of the chloroform as was said to have been used would have left an odor which could have been detected hours afterward.

In reply to the question, as to whether embalming fluid would produce congestion of the lungs resembling that caused by chloroform, the committee claims it could not, but that a condition so nearly like true congestion, might follow that it could only be distinguished by bacteriological examination.

Patrick's appeal probably will come up in court at the March term.

ST. ANTHONY'S BAZAAR

SECOND WEEK OF FAIR QUITE SUCCESSFUL.

The second week of the bazaar, in aid of St. Anthony's church, is drawing even larger crowds than attended on the opening week of the fair. The various tables report a thriving business, and the success the affair is meeting with is very gratifying to the pastor, Rev. Fr. Rosa. Tonight, Friday will be Mathews' night and members of that popular society will present one of its excellent programs that has never failed to please.

PRESIDENT DIAZ

DECORATED BY THE EMPEROR OF CHINA.

MEXICO CITY, Mex., Feb 16—President Diaz has been given by the emperor of China the first grade decoration of the order of the Double Dragoon. A decoration of the third grade of the same order has been conferred on Former Minister Algarza.

WILL BE CREMATED

GERMAN SAILOR DIED OF YELLOW FEVER.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16—Frank Bill, a German sailor who was removed from the steamer Orizaba last Friday, suffering from yellow fever, is dead in Skinburne island hospital. His body will be cremated.

THE FINGER PRINT

Leads to the Identification of Criminals

Supt. William P. Moffatt, of the police department of Pittsburg, is one of the leading exponents of the finger print system for the detection of criminals in this section of the country. The superintendent has studied the system in its different details and has delivered many interesting addresses to police and detective gatherings on the subject. The finger print system by its scientific peculiarities is away ahead of any system ever adopted by any police department, for while the Bertillion system has proved wonderful in the capture of criminals, it cannot be compared with the new system.

As William A. Pinkerton, head of the western branch of the Pinkerton Detective agency said: "A criminal may shave or grow his beard, become stout or thin, alter his appearance to a considerable extent, but the one constant factor in his make up is his finger print." Then again while it may seem strange there are no two finger prints that are alike.

Supt. Moffatt is now one of the leaders in an attempt to have a bill for the establishment of a home office for the finger print system in this state passed through the legislature.

Every day the departments that have adopted the finger print system are finding new and interesting developments.

The following interview given to a reporter by William A. Pinkerton, head of the western branch of the Pinkerton Detective Agency, who returned to America last Sunday after a visit to the Scotland yards is very interesting and shows the good qualities of the system.

"It is twelve years ago since I was in England," said William A. Pinkerton, "but in that time I was astonished at the progress Scotland Yard has made. We in America believe we are progressive and up to date, but, make no mistake, there are no modern methods of capturing and identifying criminals that Scotland Yard doesn't investigate and, if they are worth anything, adopt at once. There is no red tape, no delay about taking on something that will improve the efficiency of the service.

"The one thing at the Yard which interested me the most was the high state of efficiency which the finger-print system of identification had reached. The Bureau of Finger-prints there is one of the most marvelous departments I have ever examined. The identification of criminals has been reduced to practically a matter of book-keeping. You get a finger-print and then simply turn up your indexes and you know your man at once.

"A criminal may shave or grow his beard, become stout or thin, alter his appearance to a considerable extent, but the one constant factor in his make-up is his finger-prints. They never change, in fact the only safe way for criminals nowadays is to wear gloves when they go out on a job, for the impressions of the fingers are found by the detectives on glasses, on newspapers, on dusty tables—in fact, the slightest impression of the fingers upon even a damp table or paper can by the process in use at the Yard serve as an adequate means of identification.

"One imagines that the romantic days of a detective's calling have passed, but with this finger-print system the romance is far greater, far subtler, far more scientific and intellectual than it ever was.

"Let me illustrate how easy it is to secure a finger-print."

The reporter was sitting at a table when Mr. Pinkerton said: "Kindly pass me that glass." As he took it in his hand Mr. Pinkerton said:

"The impression your fingers made in passing that glass to me is sufficient for Scotland Yard to secure by the application of chemicals finger-prints that will forever identify you.

"A more wonderful instance. Some time ago there was a jewel robbery at Windsor. No adequate description of the thief was obtained, but a cabby remembered driving a man late at night from the vicinity where the robbery had been committed. The detectives searched the cab and found a discarded newspaper. To the naked eye there was nothing on the paper. But upon the application of chemicals a finger-print of the man who held the paper was developed and it proved to be that of a well-known burglar. He was arrested and confessed to the crime and was given a long sentence.

"I could recount numerous other instances equally astounding."

Supt. Moffatt recently received from Scotland yards a paper containing the enlarged photograph of finger marks on a pane of glass, and the following extract from the London Daily Press of Sept. 22d:

At the Mansion house, William Simpson, 20, a clerk, was charged with breaking and entering the warehouse of Messrs. Ward, Lock & Co., publishers, Salisbury square, and with a burglary on the premises of the London city mission in Bridewell place.

About 5 o'clock on the morning of the 16th inst. a constable heard sounds of breaking glass proceeding from Messrs. Ward, Lock & Co.'s warehouse and saw the prisoner on the low roof of an adjoining building, trying to escape. With assistance the constable secured him.

When arrested he said: "All right; I suppose I am done; the fanlight was not large enough to get through with the portmanteau and other things, and I had to break it. There is a disadvantage in working single handed." On him were found a life preserver and a chisel, and four towels were tied around his waist. A portmanteau, containing 67 new books, had been packed ready for removal.

Early on the morning of the 6th inst. the caretaker at the head office of the London city mission was aroused by the police, who saw that a window on the second floor had been broken, and it was found that the premises had been easily entered from the adjoining building, and that a clock had been taken from the secretary's office and a mirror and other articles from another room. The clock was pawned in Whitechapel the same day by a man who gave his name as Simpson.

A city of London police officer stated that nothing finger marks on some pieces of broken glass he had them taken to Scotland Yard. Impressions of the prisoner's fingers were obtained while he was in prison on the other charge, and a witness from the finger print department, New Scotland yard, informed the court that the finger print on the glass was that of the right forefinger of the prisoner Simpson—at the same time producing photographic enlargements of the impressions. On this evidence the prisoner was committed for trial at the central criminal court; where he pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to twelve months hard labor.

HYDE WINS OUT

He Had the Directors With Him

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—James W. Alexander and James H. Hyde were re-elected president and first vice president, respectively, of the Equitable Life Assurance society at the adjourned meeting of the directors yesterday. All the other officers whose terms had expired were re-elected.

A resolution was adopted recommending that policy holders be given the right to vote for directors and a committee, which includes President Alexander and Vice President Hyde, was appointed to carry out this step, which is practically the policy of mutualization advocated by President Alexander.

The results outlined were reached after a protracted session which was marked at times by considerable feeling. Friends of Vice President Hyde were disposed to view the outcome as a victory for their side, but in other quarters the result was regarded as a general compromise, in which the contending factions met half way.

That Mr. Hyde had a majority of the directors with him, however, was never in doubt. His election to the chairmanship of the executive and finance committees was regarded as significant in this connection.

"We have settled all differences and healed all wounds," said Mr. Hyde, after the meeting. "Every one of us from my superior, Mr. Alexander, down to the humblest subordinate, is now pulling together. We are in complete accord."

Yesterday's solution of the society's troubles was largely due, it is understood, to the conciliatory methods employed by Senator Depew and Jacob H. Schiff. Contrary to report, Mr. Schiff had not arrayed himself on either side, and was among those who favored mutualization.

A committee was appointed to arrange a plan by which policy holders may vote for directors and also the formulation of a plan of "indemnification of stockholders," and it is to report on both questions not later than April 12 next.

Both President Alexander and Vice President Hyde are members of the committee.

WILL SPEND $27,000,000.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 17.—The Pennsylvania railroad will buy new equipments costing not less than $23,000,000 this year for its lines east and west of Pittsburg and if the entire program is carried out as arranged, the cost will be $27,000,000.

EVERYBODY USES SPOONS

ONE DOZEN TIPPED SPOONS—TEA, TABLE OR DESSERT—GIVEN AWAY WITH ONE POUND OF TEA.

227 Central St. O'Brien Bros TEA DEALERS 227 Central St.

FOR ONE DOLLAR

you can get more advertising and a wider distribution throughout the city and suburbs in The Sun than you can get for three dollars in all the other papers in Lowell. Why? Because The Sun has a larger circulation than all the other daily papers combined. It is

LOWELL'S GREATEST NEWSPAPER

THE FINAL GAME

Lowell Wins it From Haverhill

SHAWLIGHTS CHALLENGE IS TAKEN UP

The Series Between Lowell and Natick

The final league game of the season to be played in this city was won by Lowell last night. The Haverhill team seemed slow in comparison with their work on former occasions, and Gray's men were on their mettle at all times and showed speed that brought out applause from the five hundred spectators present.

Wachter was in the visitors lineup for a few moments and then he withdrew and saw the game from the bleachers. Getzinger threw some pretty baskets and led both teams in this work. Matthews had four to his credit while his opponent, Rucky Lew, was content with a single score made on a pretty throw from the center.

The team work of Lowell was superb and this accounts for the victory which was the sixth in succession for the home team. Ike Loos did clever work in breaking up the play of the visiting team and his brother Billy and Leighton were there with the goods all the time.

During the evening Manager Gray was informed that a local team called the Shawlights was throwing out challenges right and left to the New England league teams with the exception of Natick. The manager said that if they really wanted to play a fast team he would accept the challenge and further agree to defeat the Shawlights, provided, however, that only Lowell men represent them, and the old Burke team the same night or forfeit all claim to the gate receipts. He will also play the old Burke team and allow them to have Fogarty and Hough.

The question whether or not the Lowell-Natick series will be played will be decided tonight when the managers of the two teams will meet in Natick.

LOWELL—37	21—HAVERHILL
Matthews lf	rb Lew
Leighton rf	lb Haggerty
Getzinger c	c Wachter, Kennedy
W. Loos rb	rf Kennedy, Doyle
I. Loos rb	lf Williamson

Won by	Scored by	Score
Lowell	Leighton	2—0
Lowell	Matthews	4—0
Lowell	Leighton	6—0
Lowell	Getzinger	8—0
Lowell	Getzinger	10—0
Haverhill	Third foul	11—0
Lowell	Matthews	13—0
Lowell	Getzinger	15—0
Lowell	Leighton	17—0
Lowell	Third foul	18—1
Lowell	Getzinger	19—1
Haverhill	Kennedy	19—2
Lowell	Matthews	21—2
SECOND PERIOD.		
Haverhill	Doyle	21—5
Lowell	Third foul	23—6
Haverhill	Haggerty	23—8
Haverhill	Doyle	24—10
Haverhill	Third foul	25—10
Lowell	Getzinger	27—10
Haverhill	Doyle	28—12
Lowell	Getzinger	30—12
Haverhill	Lew	30—14
Lowell	Getzinger	32—14
Lowell	Getzinger	34—14
THIRD PERIOD.		
Haverhill	Kennedy	30—16
Haverhill	Doyle	33—18
Lowell	Matthews	35—18
Lowell	Third foul	37—18
Haverhill	Third foul	37—19
Lowell	Leighton	39—19
Haverhill	Kennedy	35—21
Lowell	Leighton	37—21
Lowell	Third foul	37—21
Haverhill	Williamson	37—21

Summary: Score—Lowell 37, Haverhill 21. Goals by—Getzinger 8, Leighton 5, Matthews 4, Doyle 4, Kennedy 3, Haggerty, Lew, Williamson. Points on fouls—Lowell 3, Haverhill 4. Referee—Connors. Timers—Gray and Follansby. Attendance—400.

PORTSMOUTH 29, NEWBURYPORT 9

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Feb. 17.—In the New England league basketball last evening, Portsmouth defeated Newburyport 29 to 9. Healey, Glon and Henschel were the stars. The summary:

PORTSMOUTH	NEWBURYPORT
Healey lf	rb H. Sheridan
Enos rf	lb Cragen
Horan c	c W. Sheridan
Glon lb	rf Davey
Henschel rb	lf Punch

Score—Portsmouth 29, Newburyport 9. Goals from floor—Enos 6, Henschel 3, Glon 2, Horan, Healey, W. Sheridan, Punch, Cragen, Davey. Points from fouls—Portsmouth 3, Newburyport. Referee—Kelleher. Timers—White and Lambert. Time—Three 15m periods. Attendance—400.

BASKETBALL NOTES.

That was a great basket of Buckey Lew's. He dribbled the ball the entire length of the hall and then tossed it in.

A pretty girl in the gallery evidently liked Haggerty for every time he scored she applauded vigorously.

Dan Lynch and Mike Qualey occupied seats on the bleachers last night and applauded the good plays of both teams.

Owing to injuries, Mike Qualey and Frank Devlin will not be in the Amesbury lineup tonight at Newburyport. Their places will be filled by Skip Fields and Henry Tighe of this city.

"Al" Belanger, formerly captain of the Shawlights, but now captain of the Ashland, N. H., basketball team, is making a great name for himself in that New Hampshire town. He leads the league in baskets from the floor and is recognized as the star of the league. In the Ashland-Brewster game, Wednesday night, "Al" tossed the ball into the basket eight times, despite the strenuous efforts of his opponent to prevent him from scoring. Ashland won by the score of 47 to 30.

Don't have a heater put in your house until you have seen our line—the finest display of Boilers and Furnaces in Lowell.

CARROLL BROS.

Telephone 640 36 Middle St.

Pin your Faith to

Harry Richardson's Malt Graham BREAD

It Makes the Weak Strong

COURT SALARIES

May be Adjusted After Census

BOSTON, Feb. 17.—By a vote of 67 to 53 the Massachusetts house yesterday agreed to the substitution for an adverse report of the committee on taxation of a bill to exempt from taxation property of veterans of the civil war to the amount of $2000. Under the present law veterans are so exempted who have lost an eye, an arm or leg and the proposed law seeks to exempt veterans who have become incapacitated for labor to a similar degree.

Mr. Weeks of Everett, who made the motion to substitute the bill, spoke at length in support of the measure. He argued that a veteran physically incapacitated subsequent to the war was entitled to relief just as much as was the soldier injured in actual war.

The bill was then substituted on a rising vote, 67 to 53.

Mr. Barrett of Cambridge moved to substitute for the report of the committee on public service leave to withdraw his petition to provide that all appointive county employes be placed under the civil service laws and rules.

After a sharp debate Mr. Barrett moved to recommend the bill, but this was lost, as was also his motion to substitute. The report of the committee was then accepted.

The following bills were reported: Giving the metropolitan park commissioners power to construct roads and parkways across railroads; to provide for a readjustment of the salaries of the justices, clerks and assistant clerks of district, police and municipal courts after the taking of the next census; to authorize the city of Beverly to issue $100,000 bonds for water supply.

The following committee reported leave to withdraw on these petitions: On insurance, petition of Simon Swig to prohibit procuring insurance on property for more than its assessed valuation; on public lighting, petition of J. A. Hedin for free competition in the business of furnishing gas; of A. J. Johnson for the dissolution of the charter of the Haverhill Gas Securities company, and of the same to repeal the charter of the Haverhill Gas Light company.

LEPER CURED

HAS BEEN DISCHARGED FROM THE CAMP.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Feb. 17.—For the first time in the history of leprosy cases in the United States, and probably in the world, physicians here say a leper has been discharged as permanently cured, from the Louisiana lepers' camp near here. The patient is a young man of 28 who had been at the camp 15 years.

Y. M. C. I. MEETING.

The members of the Y. M. C. I. of Belvidere met in regular session last night, the meeting being called to order by President Hogan. Eight propositions for membership were received while seven new members were admitted. The literary committee reported that on next Thursday evening J. Joseph Hennessey, a member of the institute, would address the members on "Friendship".

Sunday, Feb. 26, will be the quarterly communion Sunday of the young men when the usual large attendance of members is expected. Breakfast will be served in the rooms for the members immediately following the 7.30 o'clock mass at the Immaculate Conception church.

DIED ON OPERATING TABLE

LAWRENCE, Feb. 17.—Mrs. Minnie Kimball Cole, wife of J. Newton Cole of Andover, died at the General hospital yesterday while undergoing an operation. She did not "come out" of the ether. She was about 40 years of age and one of the best known women in Andover. She was treasurer of the Free Christian church and president of the Ladies' Benevolent society of the church. Her husband and two children, Marion and Harold C., survive her.

The Merrimack

WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT.

FURS at HALF PRICE

For the next few days you will have a chance at every piece of fur left in this store at just one-half the first price.

There are 35 Neck Pieces and 3 Muffs—priced at $5 up to $27.50. These you can choose at just half price, $2.50 to $13.75.

There are Fur Scarfs and Boas of Isabella Fox, Marten, Sable Fox, Squirrel, Mole and Opossum—all in this season's shapes and our regular goods, which means choice selections of skins.

SPECIAL!

Dress and Walking Skirts

$3.95

The dress skirts are in Black and Blue Cheviot, Broadcloth and Voile, and were priced at $7.50 to $15. The walking skirts are in Fancy Cheviots and Homespuns, suitable for spring wear, and were $5 to $10. Choice at $3.95.

Women's Tailored Waists

$1.95

The clean up of our fine Winter Waists, in Flannel, Mohair, Batiste and Veiling—also White Linens and Fancy Vesting in spring weights.

Regular prices—$2.75, $3.00, $3.50, $3.75, $3.95.

Choice at $1.95.

The Merrimack Clothing Company

ACROSS FROM CITY HALL

ON THE ALLEYS

THE WONDERS DEFEATED THE BOWLAWAYS.

Welch's Wonders met the Bowlaways on the Bowlaway alleys last night and defeated the latter team by the narrow margin of ten pins. The first string resulted in a tie between the two teams while the Wonders carried the second string off by nine pins and the last one by one pin. Dickey of the defeated team worked his left hand with good effect and managed to be high man with a three string total of 512, but Dave Donaldson's single of 131 was the best single made during the evening. The only other man besides Dickey who was in the 500 class was Tom Atkinson of the Wonders. The game was a close and well contested one and it was anybody's game up to the time the last ball was rolled down the alley. The score:

BOWLAWAY.

	1	2	3	T'ls
Houston	145	172	167	484
Lawrence	107	168	116	399
Shelton	122	119	151	392
Dickey	166	165	178	512
Doylin	159	137	151	447
Totals	699	761	762	2325

WONDERS.

	1	2	3	T'ls
Welch	127	144	133	404
Atkinson	171	184	145	500
Burns	141	149	116	406
Donaldson	120	125	131	416
Maher	120	171	175	476
Totals	679	773	702	2245

PRINT WORKS LEAGUE.

Team three of the Merrimack Print Works league defeated team one by a score of 1264 to 1222 on the Bowlaway alleys last night. Campbell of team three was high man. The score:

ADD SCORE

TEAM 1.

	1	2	3	T'ls
Harrington	81	77	86	244
Bourke	82	78	82	242
MacAdam	86	89	90	265
Grandfield	85	75	82	242
Nolan	75	76	78	229
Totals	409	395	418	1222

TEAM 3.

	1	2	3	T'ls
Haworth	83	82	75	240
Mosher	75	89	77	241
McAdam	78	97	86	261
Buchanan	82	86	84	252
Campbell	88	101	81	270
Totals	406	455	403	1264

MERCANTILE LEAGUE.

McKinley's Pets defeated the Lincoln Square Grocers by a score of 1296 to 1242 on the Bowlaway alleys last night. The score:

McKINLEY PETS.

	1	2	3	T'ls
Roy	83	81	85	249
R. McKenzie	80	86	92	258
Short	81	72	101	254
E. McKinley	77	90	88	255
Marsden	84	86	110	280
Totals	405	415	476	1296

LINCOLN SQ. GROCERS.

	1	2	3	T'ls
Snowman	88	81	82	251
Smart	75	71	77	223
Webb	83	85	79	247
Stearns	78	77	84	239
Kennedy	96	96	90	279
Totals	420	410	412	1242

SIX HANDED GAME.

Hamilton's Pets and Collins' Colts played a six handed game on the Bowlaway alleys last night with the result that the Pets were 26 to the good at the end of the game. Rudden of the Colts was high man. The score:

HAMILTON PETS.

	1	2	3	T'ls
Hamilton	84	70	80	234
Webb	89	85	71	245
Harrison	74	87	85	246
Mills	82	78	83	243
Scholes	60	74	70	204
Getting	78	70	79	227
Totals	467	464	468	1399

COLLINS' COLTS.

	1	2	3	T'ls
Collins	95	78	77	250
Shaw	72	81	72	225
Southam	67	91	69	217
Rudden	79	78	96	253
Charles	66	67	65	198
Humphriss	83	85	69	237
Totals	452	499	441	1373

GLENMORES WON.

The Glenmores defeated the Soft Soap club by a score of 1927 to 1859 on the Bowlaway alleys last night. The feature of the game was the high rolling of Barrows of the winning team. The score:

SOFT SOAP CLUB.

	1	2	3	T'ls
Page	170	79	115	364
Powers	80	126	137	343
Broadbent	98	136	98	332
Fields	133	145	122	400
Carr	145	129	145	420
Totals	626	615	618	1859

GLENMORES.

	1	2	3	T'ls
Clark	132	142	121	395
McKidder	123	126	132	381
S. Willis	126	115	127	368
Happy	131	111	131	373
Barrows	138	169	147	454
Totals	658	653	658	1927

Y. M. C. A. BOX BALL.

In one of the warmest games thus far in the Y. M. C. A. box ball tournament the Dromedaries defeated the Porcupines by 20 pins last night. In the first two strings the totals were very close but in the last the Dromedaries pulled away ahead of their opponents and won the game. The Porcupines meet the Dromedaries tomorrow night in the thirteenth contest of the series, after which there remains only ten games to be played. The score:

DROMEDARIES.

	1	2	3	T'ls
A. Myrick	153	128	141	422
H. Macdonald	130	122	136	388
F. L. Ginty	121	129	113	363
W. H. Quinlan	108	120	121	349
C. Johnson	107	116	143	366
Totals	619	615	654	1888

PORCUPINES.

	1	2	3	T'ls
J. Macdonald	114	118	156	388
M. Johnston	137	125	112	399
A. Patrick	135	131	135	401
C. McHugh	111	128	115	354
W. E. Coulter	126	121	95	342
Totals	623	626	619	1868

Spares—Myrick 2, M. Johnston, Coulter, H. Macdonald, J. Macdonald, Patrick.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

PATRIARCHS MILITANT

WILL HOLD NEXT SESSION IN NEWBURYPORT.

LAWRENCE, Feb. 17.—The annual department council of the Patriarchs Militant, I. O. O. F., of Massachusetts was called to order at 11 a. m. yesterday by S. E. Welch of Lynn, retiring president. There were 116 delegates from cantons throughout the state. An address of welcome was delivered by Mayor Lynch. At the morning session A. E. Bliss of Malden was installed as president by Mr. Welch, who in turn was installed as vice president. A dinner was served in the banquet hall, at which C. W. Malonzo of Canton Akawam presided.

It was voted to hold the next department council at Newburyport in June, 1906. Brockton was selected as the place for a department field day in June next.

BUSINESS CHANCES

THE BEST OPPORTUNITY in existence for the investment of small and large sums of idle money where it will produce a large and steady monthly revenue without risk of loss. Principal back on demand. For full particulars, address W. H. Latimer, 413 Walnut st., Philadelphia, Pa.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

FOR SALE—On Rogers street, Belvidere, two story, ten room house with bath and pantry and seven thousand feet of land all fenced in. Smith & Cavanaugh, Donovan building, Central st.

SPECIAL NOTICES

THOSE GOOD TEAS that we have been telling you so much about are still sold by us. That is how we have made our business success. Presents for everybody. Dickson's Tea Store, 68 Merrimack street.

MR. EVANGELOS COSTAKIS, a grocer doing business at 63 Cheever street, started in business last October. Besides the Greek trade he has the trade of a large number of the French people, as they like very much the Oriental produce. In little Canada there are over 500 Greeks.

WM. E. RIGG—Piano and furniture moving, in or out of the city with care. Prices reasonable for good work. 65 Billerica st., Riverside Park. Sign on the barn.

CORNS successfully treated, also shampooing, facial massage and manicuring by C. M. Saunders, 90 Prescott st.

FOR THIS MONTH we will offer you wonderful bargains in carpets, rugs, tables, chairs and rockers and all kinds of household furniture at Bellefontaine & Co.'s, 197-199 Middlesex st. You have the money, we have the goods. Let us exchange, we lose, you gain.

THE SUN IN BOSTON—The Sun is on sale every day at both news-stands of the Union station in Boston. Don't forget this when taking your train for Lowell.

MONEY TO LOAN

MONEY LOANED—Overcome your difficulties, our plan of loaning money on salaries is the most liberal to be found anywhere, easy weekly payments. All transactions confidential. Massachusetts Loan Co., Room 22, Hildreth Building.

MONEY LOANED salaried people, retail merchants, teamsters and others, without security, easy payments, offices in 50 leading cities. Tolman, room 43 Hildreth Building, 45 Merrimack st.

MONEY ON CREDIT without security, boarding houses, teamsters, salaried loans a specialty. Best terms obtainable, liberal discount for prompt payments, commission paid. Merrimack Loan Co., 25 Associate Building.

DON'T BE SHORT—Plenty of money to loan to salaried people, merchants, boarding house keepers, teamsters, etc. Easy weekly payments, lowest rates in the city. Confidential; no publicity; no delay. Special inducements for quick payments. Private office. U. S. Loan Co., 90 Prescott st., room 5, Lowell, Mass.

MONEY TO LOAN on furniture, pianos and all personal property. Private office. (Strictly confidential.) Room 5, Swan building, 56 Central street.

MONEY TO LOAN at short notice on furniture, pianos, diamonds, etc. Leases paid off and more money advanced. All business strictly confidential. Address W. E. Leinhas, room 9, Barristers' Hall.

MISCELLANEOUS

BEWARE OF FIRE—Have your furniture insured today at Gordon's, 219 Central st.

WHITE SEWING MACHINE—Ladies come and see our silent, ball-bearing, rotary machine. It is king of all machines, lock and chain stitch. Second hand machines for sale. 376 Bridge st.

MIRACLE. The great German rust exterminator. Takes the rust off lawn mowers, cutlery, in fact everything, without labor. Once used always used. For sale by all leading hardware houses. Price 25 cents. Hugo Hill, Manufacturer.

MOTHERS—Rent's destroyer kills lice on children and all insects; cures dandruff and itching scalp; prevents falling hair, harmless, 25c only at Falls & Burkinshaw's, 418 Middlesex st.

MADAME LENORE, clairvoyant, card reader. Hours 2 p. m. to 10 p. m. at 11 Paige st.

THE WONDERFUL new drink Gloria gives health and youthful vigor. Boyle Bros. Agents. Telephone.

WE HAVE ALL the Fall Blocks of Hats and are prepared to supply the gentlemen of this city. Stiff hats cleaned free at Delorme's, 261 Middlesex st. The practical hatter.

LADIES—Dr. LaFranco's Compound gives positive relief; powerful combination used by 20,000 women. Price 25 cents; druggists or by mail. Address LaFranco & Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

LIMBURG—Chimney expert; chimneys swept and repaired. Residence 1129 Bridge street. Telephone.

WANTED

Frame Spinners, Weavers, Speeder Tenders and Spoolers. GOOD WAGES.

—APPLY TO—

Hamilton Mills,

Amesbury, Mass.

LEGAL NOTICES

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. State House, Boston, Feb. 15, 1905. The Committee on Mercantile Affairs will give a hearing to parties interested in a bill (House No. 475) relative to poles and wires; also petition (with accompanying House bill No. 820) of Roswell L. Wood, mayor, and other officials of the city of Haverhill, for legislation to regulate the cutting and sale of ice from great ponds; and so much of the report of the secretary of state as relates to amending the law providing for the licensing of dealers in coal and coke, at room No. 428, State House, Friday, Feb. 17, at 10.30 o'clock, a. m. F. M. HEATH, Chairman. GEO. H. THORBURN, Clerk of the Committee.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of Martin Conway, late of Billerica, in said County, deceased.

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said court, for Probate, by Margaret Conway who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to her, the executrix therein named, without giving a surety on her official bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Lowell in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-first day of February A. D. 1905, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks in The Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell, the last publication to be one day, at least before said Court, and by mailing postpaid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this second day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and five.

W. E. ROGERS, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. State House, Boston, Feb. 15, 1905. The Committee on Mercantile Affairs will give a hearing to parties interested in a report of the Commission on Building Laws, appointed under the provisions of chapter 424 of the Acts of the year 1904 to investigate the expediency of revising and amending the building laws of the Commonwealth; and petition (with accompanying House bill No. 798) of Fred A. Dexter for legislation relative to halls used for theatrical purposes prior to the year 1894, at room No. 428 State House, on Friday, February 24, at 10.30 o'clock, a. m. F. M. HEATH, Chairman. GEO. H. THORBURN, Clerk of the Committee.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. State House, Boston, Feb. 15, 1905. The Committee on Mercantile Affairs will give a hearing to parties interested in petition (with accompanying House bill No. 802) of Samuel O. Jones for legislation relative to poles, wires and other electrical appliances, apparatus and structures in the city of Chelsea; also petition (with accompanying House bill No. 803) of Walter E. Nichols for legislation relative to ventilating theatres and other places of amusement; and petition (with accompanying House bill No. 806) of Alfred Bowditch and another for an amendment of the law relative to the recovery of damages for the establishment of building lines in cities and towns, at room No. 428 State House, on Monday, Feb. 20, at 10.30 o'clock a. m. F. M. HEATH, Chairman. GEO. H. THORBURN, Clerk of the Committee.

WANTED

WANTED—Everyone who has colds, catarrh, asthma, bronchitis or any disease of the breathing organs to call at Ellingwood & Co.'s drug store and get free treatment of The National Vaporizer and Vapor-ol remedies. One month's medicine with every vaporizer sold, free during demonstration. Money refunded if not satisfactory.

DO NOT WAIT until you are sick, or meet with an accident. Insure today—Price only $1.00 monthly. Gordon, 219 Central st.

PHYSICAL CULTURE lessons, private or classes for appointments. Address Instructor, Box 536, Lowell.

WANTED—Storekeepers and all users of awnings and signs to know now is the time to have them repaired and also place orders for new before the spring rush. Cross Awning & Sign Co., 209 Dutton st.

WANTED—Will buy modern 2 tenement house in Highlands. Gordon's, 219 Central st.

WANTED—Children to board in country, desirable home; terms reasonable. Address Nelson, R. F. D., Billerica Centre.

HELP WANTED

WANTED—At once, a table girl at 726 Suffolk st.

WANTED—Clear salesman, experience unnecessary. Send stamp for particulars. P. O. Box 1070.

BARBER WANTED at Sun Building.

WANTED—A general house girl at 18 Lenton Court off Charles st.

WANTED—At once six tinsmiths at J. L. Douglas & Co.'s, 147 Rock st.

WANTED—Two office assistants willing to receive as full pay, course in shorthand and typewriting. Apply at once. H. A. Dimon, Wyman's Exchange.

WANTED—Everywhere, people to copy letters at home spare time, materials free. No mailing or canvassing. Enclose addressed envelope for particulars, and wages we pay. Guarantee Co., Dept. 417, Philadelphia, Pa.

WANTED—Girl for general housework; small family, good home. Address E. F., this office.

WANTED—Kitchen girl. Apply 23 Robeson st., Mrs. Keyes.

ANY INTELLIGENT PERSON may earn a good income corresponding for newspapers. Experience unnecessary. Send for particulars. Northern Press Syndicate, Lockport, N. Y.

HOME WORK—$9 to $15, no canvassing, $5 to $6 weekly working evenings, experience unnecessary, enclose stamp for instructions, sample, etc. Address B. Wilson & Co., 603 Walnut st., Philadelphia, Pa.

WANTED—Energetic man, each county, to post signs, advertise and distribute samples; salary, $18 weekly, $3 per day for expenses. Honesty and sobriety more essential than experience. National Co., 720 Chestnut street, Philadelphia.

WANTED—Salesmen and saleslades to call on drug and grocery trade. $100 per month and expenses. Inclose stamped envelope for reply. Buffalo Chemical Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

REMOVAL—Miss Josephine Bonan, dressmaker, formerly at Edson block, Merrimack street, has removed to Central block, 53 Central street. No cards. Everyone welcome. Take elevator. Rooms 52-53. Tel. 1114-3.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE CHEAP—A breeding pen of choice barred Plymouth rock pullets and cockerels. E. Vincent, Amesbury st., Elmsere.

FOR SALE—Meat and provision store doing $175 a week, fine stock, old stand, $10 takes it. Greene, 98 Central st.

FOR SALE—Variety store, fine stock, cleared over $700 above all expenses last year. Greene, 98 Central st.

FOR SALE—Lodging house, 9 rooms, near Merrimack sq., price this week $125. Greene, 98 Central st.

FOR SALE—Grocery store, established 20 years at appraisal. Here is a bargain. Greene, 98 Central st.

FOR SALE—Best located variety store on Central st., pool room and restaurant. Must be sold this month. Greene, 98 Central st.

FOR SALE—The best variety store; the best boarding house; the best restaurant in Lowell; we have for sale the best business investments in the city, before buying or selling consult us, always open. Gordon, 219 Central st.

FOR SALE—The "Best" Light is a 100-candle power light costing only three cents per week, makes and burns its own gas, brighter than electricity, cheaper than kerosene, no smoke or smell, over 100 styles, lighted instantly with a match, every lamp warranted, exhibited and sold 52 Church st.

FOR SALE—A light grocery and candy store, also bakery goods, cheap if sold at once. Address C, Sun Office.

ATTEND Rummage Sale by Central M. E. church Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 311 Market st., old and new clothes.

FOR SALE—New traverse runner, suitable for grocerymen. Inquire at 37 Middle st.

PREPARE for accidents or illness by being insured today at Gordon's, 219 Central st.

FOR SALE—Cheap fuel. Otto Coke; lasts as long as coal and costs less. Stove size, $5.75 per ton; Egg size, $5.50 per ton. We also keep best grades of coal. Mail and telephone orders promptly attended to. Moore & Preston Coal Co. Telephone 1366-2.

FOR SALE CHEAP—Coal Range, at Lahue's Machine Shop, 107 Cushing street.

FOR SALE—Shoemakers, Singer sewing machine. Inquire 712 Lawrence st.

FOR SALE—Extra good piano, handsome black case, round front corners, carved legs, good tone, also piano chair, cheap for cash. Inquire at The Sun office.

FOR SALE—A phonograph with 2 dozen latest records, large horn and stand, will sell cheap. Address R. S., Sun Office.

FOR SALE—At once fruit, confectionery, ice cream, cigar and tobacco store doing fine business, will sell low on account of sickness. Address B. E. G., Sun Office.

FOR SALE—Every kind of store and house in most desirable locations, prices right—before buying or selling consult us. Come today and see Gordon, 219 Central street.

STOCK HAY for sale at $14 per ton at J. B. Sabre's Hay and Grain Store, 597 Merrimack st.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Sunday evening between Merrimack Square and Spaulding st. a lady's gold hunting case watch and sterling silver fob with monogram M. T. F. on case. Liberal reward by owner at 493 Moody st.

LOST—A pair of gold bowed spectacles between J. J. Cluin's and School st. by way of Broadway. Finder return 175 Walker st. and receive reward.

LOST—A wallet containing large sum of money between Carney bank and A. G. Pollard's. Reward at A. G. Pollard's office.

LOST—A dag, coolie, with collar, no name on it. Finder will be rewarded by leaving at 138 Page st.

LOST—A French bull pup, 15 months old with "bat" ears. Reward at 385 Gorham street.

LOST—Between Middlesex and Mt. Vernon sts., one lens and nose-piece. Return to Sun Office.

TO LET

TO LET—Front rooms, also side rooms, steam heat, bath and gas. 69 Nichols st., off Westford st.

LOW PRICE tenement to rent on Waugh st., near the Normal school. Inquire at Morse's stable, 359 Middlesex st.

TO LET—A suite of rooms heated and first class order, also one single room, open fire place and heated, in the I. O. O. F. Temple, 84 Middlesex st. Inquire of the janitor.

FURNISHED ROOM to let at 94 Butterfield st. Call at once, rent reasonable.

TO LET—Nicely furnished front room bay window, heated, lighted, bath, telephone. 40 Second street.

TO LET—One large front room furnished and two side rooms, en suite. Price reasonable to good party. References required. Inquire at 12 Livermore st.

TO LET—A warm cosy tenement of five rooms in Centralville, reduced to $8 per month. T. H. Elliott, 64 Central st.

TO LET—Store 266 Merrimack st. possession given March 1st. Thomas G. Gerrish, 15 Gould Ave., Malden, Mass.

TO LET—Corner Windsor & Westford streets two six room flats all hard wood floors; steam heat, continuous hot water and gas range furnished. All modern conveniences. Apply James H. Walker, 43 Fletcher street. Tel. 511-2.

TO LET—Small store at 62 Dummer st. rent cheap. Inquire in rear.

SITUATIONS WANTED

GERMAN GIRL wants situation to do general housework. 10 Quimby Ave., Lowell.

WANTED—A situation at general housework by an experienced capable girl. Inquire 135 Durant st.

LADY WANTS to do kitchen work. Inquire 749 Middlesex st.

WANTED—A situation by an experienced temperate and competent painter and paper hanger. Inquire 931 Gorham st.

SITUATION WANTED—Expert stenographer, one who understands bookkeeping, wants position; 9 years' experience. Can furnish best of references. Address "G." this office.

SITUATION WANTED by respectable middle aged lady. Would do light housework or mind child. 167 East Merrimack street.

WANTED—Chance to tend office and study at same time. Pay immaterial. Address J. I. M., Sun Office.

WANTED—To care for a child by day or week. Inquire at this office.

ANY BUSINESS can be improved by advertising it in this column.

A CLEVER THIEF

Hammond Had Lots of Religious Articles

SALEM, Mass., Feb. 17.—In connection with the arrest on Wednesday night of William Hammond, of Peabody, the police have discovered evidence which they believe tends to show that they have in custody a most clever thief who has operated through many sections of New England and Canada.

Officers visited his home in Peabody yesterday returning last night with two large wagon loads of ceremonial vestments, crucifixes, chalices, altar cloths and other paraphernalia which had apparently been stolen from many Catholic churches.

WOULD DONATE MONEY

TO SEND LARKIN TO THE "BUG" HOUSE.

Michael Larkin, Lowell's pereginator, subterranean explorer, expert swimmer, long distance walker and a thousand and one other things, who is traveling over this glorious continent giving exhibitions of cold water swimming for the purpose of saving those who are suffering from dreaded germs of consumption, has been heard from again. During the early part of the week the globe trotter appeared in Bristol, Bucks county, Pa. No doubt the place is situated somewhere in Pennsylvania, but as our map does not give the location of it, it must be somewhere in the backwoods.

Mike heard that the town was the home of consumptives and went miles out of his way for thep urpose of playing the part of the good Samaritan and showing the "connies" how he cured himself of the dreaded disease.

The following from the Bucks county Gazette is self interesting as well as amusing, for the inhabitants took Larkin for a lunatic:

"Several hundred people assembled at the Mill street wharf last Saturday to witness the novel scene of a man voluntarily taking an ice cold bath in the river. The man, who claimed Lowell, Mass., as his home, first cut a good sized hole through the thick ice and then divested of all garments except a pair of tights, took three dips in the water. After he came out he rolled around in the snow to work up a good circulation. Previous to the performance he passed around his hat and took up a fair sized collection. One spectator refusing to contribute said he would donate $5 towards sending him to the Norristown asylum."

For the benefit of our readers we state that the asylum above mentioned is a place where insane patients are confined. In all probability the man who stated he would donate $5 towards sending Larkin to the asylum would be in better health than he is at the present time if he performed some of the "insane" feats that Larkin does.

MANY DIVORCES

WORK OF THE COURTS IN ENGLAND.

Society in England is notoriously conservative and yet the growth of divorce in this country has been almost alarmingly progressive. Many of us may not remember the agitation which preceded the legislation making divorce no longer an ecclesiastical matter, but the prophecies of evil which were launched at the unfortunate bill that became an operative act in 1858 have fallen far short of what has proved to be the actual result.

Proceedings in the divorce court have gone up with more than the proverbial leaps and bounds, says a writer in the London Express. In the first five years of the working of the act the petitions for the dissolution of marriage averaged 204.5 a year; in the last five recorded years they averaged close upon 800 per annum. That, of course, is the tremendous increase of 300 per cent.

Nor has it been a growth by fits and starts and the maximum reached by an exceptional series of circumstances. On the contarary, it has been a steady and continuous movement.

I may say that in 1901 there were 750 and 1902 as many as 889 petitions for dissolution of marriage, while in the latter year the suits for the various remedies and means of relief provided by the divorce court totalled up to 1050.

Nor is it the divorce court alone which terminates the marriage relationship in this country. For the power of decreeing a judicial separation (which by the way, has become rather unpopular in the divorce court) has in recent years been extended to courts of summary jurisdiction with extraordinary results. Since 1895 a stipendiary at a police court or any two of the "great unpaid" magistrates in petty sessions may make a separation order.

If I add to the 9000 judicial separations by magistrates the number of cases in the divorce court, I have a total today of about 10,000 legal dissolutions or suspensions of the marriage tie—practically, of course, 10,000 dissolutions of marriage.

And, further, if I compare these figures with those which are available from America—detailed statistics of recent years have not been taken in the United States—I find that we have almost reached their unenvinable level. For during the last 34 years there have been no fewer than 700,000 divorces in the United States; and taking out 10,000 dissolutions and separations for the last year, and allowing for the fact that our population is about one-half of theirs, I arrive at the fact that per 100 of population our divorce and separation figures are as numerous as theirs.

AS TO DIVORCE

RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE PRESIDENT.

The president's recommendation that congress provide for the collection of statistics of marriage and divorce is an important step towards a remedy for what has become recognized as one of the most degrading evils of this country.

The first need is for reliable and trustworthy facts. With these at hand, intelligent and prudent action will become possible.

No official census of divorce has been taken since 1886. When Carroll D. Wright made his report on marriage and divorce for the twenty years between 1867 and 1886 he discovered the disagreeable fact that the divorce rate had increased 167 per cent. while population had increased by 60 per cent. In 1867 the number of divorces in the United States was 9937; in 1886 no less than 25,535.

This showing is bad enough, but there is reason to fear that the new investigation will show a still worse condition.

The number of American divorces is now officially estimated at 90,000 annually, an increase of 100 per cent. in the last nineteen years, while population has increased only about 50 per cent. Incomplete state reports prepare us for what to expect. Indiana, for example, in 1867 granted 1636 divorces, 1655 in 1886, and 1620, or one to every 5.7 marriages in 1899. Michigan's divorces increased from 413 in 1867 to 1159 in 1886, and 2418 in 1900. Ohio granted 901 in 1867 and 3217 in 1900.

Taking the country as a whole, in 1900 it is estimated that there was one divorce to every fifteen marriages.

Such figures as these, if officially shown to be true, cannot fail to arouse a public feeling that will result in radical efforts for a remedy.

The 1886 report did great good, marking practically the beginning of the anti-divorce agitation. Some reforms have been instituted in many states as a result. But there is still a world lack of harmony between the various states and statistics covering the whole ground are necessary to concerted action.

JUSTICE KNOWLTON

DISSOLVES INJUNCTION AGAINST HAMPDEN TRUST CO.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Feb. 16.—Chief Justice Marcus P. Knowlton this afternoon ordered the injunction dissolved and the receivers dismissed in the case of the commonwealth against the Hampden Trust Co. of this city. The trust company will now unite with the Hampden Trust Co., of this city, under the name of the Chapin Trust company.

MAY BE BANISHED

SERIOUS CHARGES AGAINST RUSSIAN EDITOR.

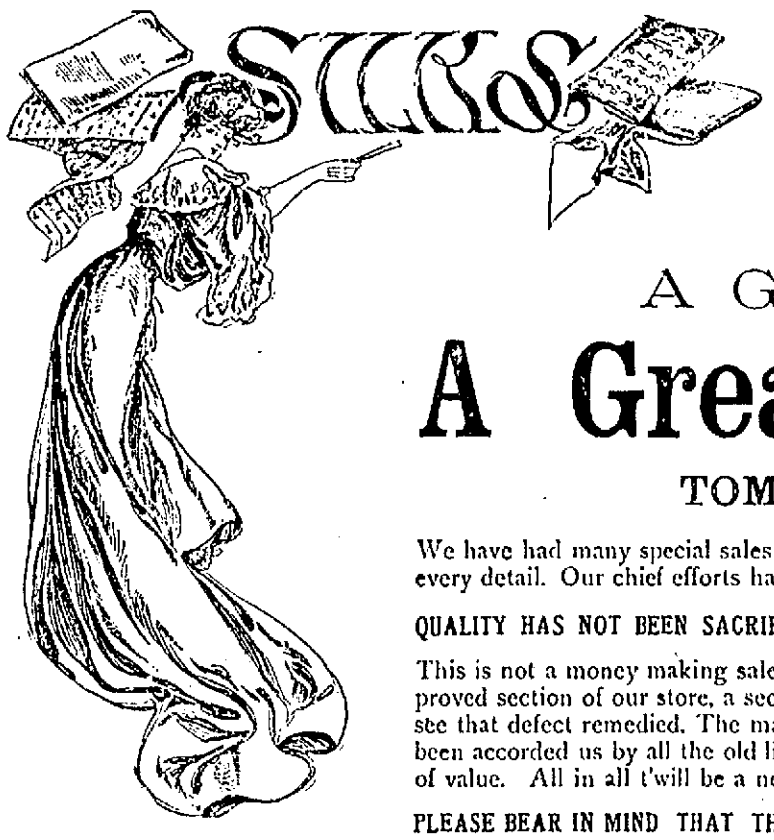
ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 17, 2 a. m.—Membership in a secret organization formed in 1902 to incite strikes and promote revolution is one of the charges brought against M. Annensky, editor of Russian Wealth, and also probably involving Maxim Gorky and the other members of the delegation who were arrested with Gorky and Annensky.

M. Annensky, whose five terms in the fortress under arrest have made the interior of the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul thoroughly familiar to him told the Associated Press yesterday that he had also been required to plead to the charge of formulating anti-governmental proclamations, the penalty for which offense is banishment for life to Siberia, but that no proof was offered of either charge. M. Annensky said the prosecutor showed him the draft of an address to the people alleged to be in the handwriting of Maxim Gorky and alterations in another hand, alleged to be Annensky's. Annensky declared that he could not identify the document or the handwriting.

Only four of the original delegation remained in custody. One of these is the workman Kuzin, who for a long time escaped arrest because his identity could not be ascertained by the police; but the authorities continue to make occasional arrests of others in connection with this matter. Those who have been released are still under charges.

FOLEY'S HONEY AND TAR
Cures Colds; Prevents Pneumonia

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.



The Bon Marche Dry Goods Company

If It's in the Ad. It's True - - - - If It's in the Store It's Right

A GREAT SILK MOVEMENT

A Great One Day Silk Sale

TOMORROW, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18th

We have had many special sales of silks in the past, but none compared to this great "one day" event, none so broad, none so complete in every detail. Our chief efforts have been directed along the lines of value getting and we have been successful beyond our highest expectations.

QUALITY HAS NOT BEEN SACRIFICED TO MAKE PRICE THE MORE ATTRACTIVE BUT PROFIT HAS CRUELLY SUFFERED IN THIS ENDEAVOR

This is not a money making sale—not by any means—rather an introductory event in which the public will be introduced to a larger and improved section of our store, a section on which in the past the light of publicity has not been thrown strong enough. However the future will see that defect remedied. The markets have been very generous in their yield of good things, many special favors in the way of low prices have been accorded us by all the old line silk houses with which we do business, thus making it possible for us to give the public a heaping measure of value. All in all t'will be a noteworthy event and you, your neighbor and your neighbor's neighbor will be the ones that will reap the benefit.

PLEASE BEAR IN MIND THAT THIS SALE DOES NOT OPEN UNTIL 9 O'CLOCK TOMORROW MORNING AND CLOSES WHEN THE GONG STRIKES AT 10 O'CLOCK. NOT A YARD WILL BE SOLD BEFORE OR AFTER THE ABOVE SPECIFIED TIME AT THE PRICES QUOTED IN THIS ADVERTISEMENT

Altho' you know our policy of strictly adhering to the truth in our advertisements, some of the reduced prices appear so out of proportion to the usual prices that we deem it necessary to tell our public over again that every word in this advertisement is strictly in accordance with our "honesty in advertising" methods.

A BRIEF GLANCE AT THE ASSEMBLAGE

Colored Silks

23-inch Crepe de Chene, 75c quality, sale price.....45c YARD
20-inch Peau de Cygne, 75c quality, sale price.....49c YARD
Colored Wash Silks, sale price.....19c YARD
21-inch Colored Jap. Silks, 39c quality, sale price.....25c YARD
24 and 27-inch Colored Jap. Silks, 50c and 59c qualities, sale price 35c YARD
27-inch Silk Pongee, 39c quality, sale price .....29c YARD
Changeable Taffeta Silk, 59c quality, sale price.....49c YARD
32-inch Heavy All Silk Pongee, $1.00 quality, sale price.....69c YARD
27-inch Tussah Pongee, 69c quality, sale price.....55c YARD
Colored Messaline, 75c quality, sale price.....49c YARD
Satin Duchess, $1.00 quality, sale price .....69c YARD
Simon's Foulard Silks, 75c quality, sale price.....49c YARD

Fancy Silks

Fancy Silks in blue, brown, green and fancy stripe effects, excellent for Shirt Waist Suits, etc., sale price .....39c YARD
75c Fancy Silks, in this sale.....49c YARD
$1.00 Fancy Silks, in this sale.....69c YARD
Fancy White Silks in cords, figures and fancy weaves, $1.00 quality, sale price .....69c YARD
Cheney Bros.' Foulard Silks in short lengths, 3 to 15 yards in piece, 24 inches wide, 49c quality, sale price .....29c YARD
19-inch Foulard Silks, full pieces, 39c quality, sale price....29c YARD

White Silks

21-inch White India Wash Silk, 39c quality, sale price.....25c YARD
24-inch White India Wash Silk, 50c quality, sale price.....35c YARD
27-inch White India Wash Silk, 59c quality, sale price.....42c YARD
20-inch White Peau de Cygne, $1.00 quality, sale price.....79c YARD
20-inch White Messaline, $1.00 quality, sale price.....79c YARD
19-inch White Taffeta, 75c quality, sale price.....59c YARD
19-inch White Taffeta, 59c quality, sale price.....49c YARD

Black Silks

20-inch All Silk Taffeta, 50c quality, sale price.....35c YARD
20-inch All Silk Taffeta, 69c quality, sale price.....49c YARD
36-inch All Silk Taffeta, $1.10 quality, sale price.....79c YARD
36-inch All Silk Waterproof Taffeta, $1.37½ quality, sale price $1.05 YARD
20-inch All Silk Peau de Sole, $1.00 quality, sale price.....69c YARD
20-inch All Silk Peau de Sole, 69c quality, sale price.....49c YARD
21-inch All Silk Wash Silk, 75c quality, sale price.....49c YARD
20-inch All Silk Peau de Cygne, $1.00 quality, sale price....69c YARD
24-inch All Silk Taffeta, 75c quality, sale price.....55c YARD
20-inch Peau de Cygne, 69c quality, sale price.....49c YARD
20-inch Peau de Cygne, 75c quality, sale price.....49c YARD
24-inch Brainard & Armstrong Taffeta, "guaranteed," $1.00 quality, sale price ..... 79c YARD
27-inch, $1.25 quality, sale price..... 85c YARD
20-inch "Bartholdi" Peau de Sole, $1.25 quality, sale price...85c YARD
20-inch, $1.00 quality, sale price.....79c YARD
24-inch Gros Crain, $1.00 quality, sale price .....75c YARD
24-inch Extra Heavy Gros Grain, $1.25 quality, sale price...85c YARD

THE WINDHAM SILKS WARRANTED NOT TO SLIP, BREAK OR CRACK

20-inch Parisian Satin, $1.25 quality, sale price.....85c YARD
22-inch Peau de Sole, $1.50 quality, sale price.....$1.05 YARD
24-inch Peau de Sole, $1.75 quality, sale price.....$1.25 YARD

Just Received—A New Consignment of
St. Andresburg Roller Canaries

Every one guaranteed a singer or money refunded.

Prices Range From $2.50 to $5.00

Come down and hear them sing.

Fresh Bird Seed.....9c PACKAGE
Bird Gravel .....9c PACKAGE
Cuttlefish Bird Cages, etc., very attractively priced.

The monkeys, especially "Bob," are interesting little fellows. Bring down the children.

A New White Wash Fabric
"FRENCH BRILLIANTS"

An extra soft fabric, thoroughly mercerized. It is 27 in. wide. The designs are handsome ones—stripes, stripes with figures, and figures alone. One of the most desirable waistings we are showing this season. The price..... 25c YARD

Women's Heavy Fleeced Underwear

The Usual 50c Quality.

Friday and Saturday 38c a Garment

"Winchester Mills" and "Viola" makes. Ecru and full bleached. All sizes in Vests and Pants.

Have You Seen the New 1905
Men's Neglige Shirts
We Are Selling at 48c?

They are very natty for the money. From the viewpoint of looks you would class them with the $1.00 goods. Not that they are worth a dollar. No indeed, but they are the very best to be found to sell at 48c. Madras, Percales, Cheviots and Chambrays in the assortment. Some have cuffs. Others two collars.

Fancy Sofa Pillow Slips
All Ready for the Pillow
Tapestry **25c Each** Embroidered

Two Numbers of
$1 C. B. A La Spirite Corsets
At 69c Pair

See how we take care of you—giving you something unusual all the time. We know you appreciate these things, because you nobly respond to our announcements. Still, we are never quite satisfied—we want more business, and we are bound to have more business if values count for anything.

No. 248 is a Short French Gored Coutil Corset with short hips and medium bust.

No. 249 is made of same material as 248, only it is a long waist dip hip model. All sizes.

Women's and Children's Footwear

Women's Rubbers, new shapes. All sizes .....25c PAIR
Women's Best Quality Stormy Rubbers .....50c PAIR
Women's Jersey Covered Fleeced Lined Storm Rubbers, $1.00 quality, 75c PAIR
Children's Storm Rubbers. Sizes 8 to 10. 39c quality.....25c PAIR

Children's Fleece Lined Stockings

A REGULAR 15c VALUE

Friday and Saturday 10 Cents Pair

These are the well-known "Hercules" Brand. In coarse ribs for boys and fine ribs for girls. The sizes run from 6½ to 9½.

Three Sharp Items in Domestics

Light Prints ..... 3½c YARD
36-inch Unbleached Cotton, worth 5c, now.....4c YARD
Dress Ginghams—stripes, checks and plaids—worth 8c, now 6¼c YARD

Special Showing of
Paper Covered Fiction
5c, 10c, 15c Volume

Broken Sizes in Men's Goods
Almost Given Away

If you can find a size that will fit, you can get a bargain.

Colored Bosom Shirts, formerly $1.00, to close 25c
Colored Bosom Shirts, formerly 49c, to close..... 15c
Soiled White Shirts, formerly 50c, to close..... 15c
Men's and Boys' Ties, formerly 25c, to close.....2 for 5c
Men's Wool Sweaters, formerly $1.00, to close..... 39c

New Idea Paper Patterns—10 Cents Each

See What 10 Cents Will Buy in the Art Section

One Stamped Pillow Sham., One 18x54 Stamped Bureau Scarf. One 15x27 Stamped Tray Cloth. One 18-inch Embroidered Doily. Any one of which would be cheap at 15c.

Souvenir Postal Cards—1 Cent Each

Mme. Katherine, Expert Palmist
Readings, 10c and 25c. In the Basement

THE LOWELL SUN

SUN BUILDING, MERRIMACK SQUARE, LOWELL, MASS.

JOHN H. HARRINGTON, PROPRIETOR.

Member of the Associated Press.

Three Dollars per Year. Twenty-five Cents per Month

☞The Sun receives the full day service of The Associated Press, the greatest news-gathering organization in the world. The entire service received over a leased wire, by our own operator in our own office in The Sun building.

SWORN CIRCULATION OF THE SUN

The sworn daily average circulation of The Lowell Sun for the year 1904, was

14,539

Sworn to by John H. Harrington, proprietor, Martin H. Reidy, business manager, and Alfred Pilotte, pressman of The Sun, before me, January 2, 1905. JOHN J. HOGAN, Notary Public.

☞This is a larger circulation than the combined circulation of all the other daily papers in Lowell.

☞An advertisement placed in The Sun is of more value to the advertiser than if it were inserted in all the other newspapers in Lowell, and the cost of inserting it in The Sun is about ONE-THIRD the price charged by the other papers.

THE SUN'S PLATFORM

FOR THE GOOD OF LOWELL

1. ADOPT a new charter giving the mayor full power to appoint and remove at will, the heads of all city departments and members of all boards or commissions.

2. ABOLISH the common council and provide for a single legislative board of 27 aldermen, three from each ward.

3.—CREATE public boards to have charge of streets, buildings, police, fire, pauper and water departments.

4. ANNEX portions of Dracut and Tewksbury, including the "Navy Yard" and the Andover road as far as the Hood farm.

5. ABOLISH the Merrimack street station and the grade crossings at Market, Thorndike and Middlesex streets and extend the northern station to Thorndike street.

6. BUILD a public hall and market on the White lot in Merrimack Square.

THE LOWELL JACKSON.

President Roosevelt missed a pleasant experience when the detectives prevented William Waldorf Jackson from seeing him. The "Second Jackson", as he is known in Lowell, is entirely harmless. He has been a candidate for the presidency for over twelve years and those who have known his presidential delusions have fed his fancy with letters informing him that the people throughout the country wanted only the opportunity to elect him. The detectives made no mistake in taking him for a crank but he is not of the dangerous sort.

THE PRESIDENT'S INFLUENCE FOR GOOD.

President Roosevelt's influence for good in his opposition to race suicide and his advocacy of domestic virtue is doing a vast amount of good for the country. He is striking at the vital evils by which this nation is distinguished from all others. He is the first man who dared to come out bluntly and name the evil which was before but remotely hinted at. His appeals for the home virtues will do good, his condemnation of the divorce evils and his appeal for greater uniformity and restraint if carried out would have a good effect. But by far the best result will be the moral effect of the president's denunciation of conditions that formerly were allowed to pass without reproach.

COMMISSIONS, ABUSES, REFORMS.

The Sun's platform at the head of this column favors the plan of putting the several city departments in charge of commissions.

Now some people have a prejudice against commissions. They think the scheme removes the power too far from the people.

This idea has been diffused from the result of having state commissions which are hard to reach after being entrenched in power.

In this case, however, the commission would keep power within reach of the people and would prevent the abuses which have been draining the city treasury for years in spite of the people.

We would have every commission directly responsible to the mayor and the mayor being responsible to the people for the action of each commission, there would certainly be an easy means of reaching the commission, through the mayor.

At present the head of a department is his own boss except so far as he deems it politically expedient to comply with the wishes of the men who elected him.

The heads of departments being mostly elected by concurrent vote of the city council are dependent upon the members of that body for retention in office and are not likely to refuse them any reasonable request within their power to grant.

The members of the city council are continually pushed to secure work for their constituents and they in turn push the heads of departments to put men to work for them. Thus the heads of departments are coerced into employing men at good wages and paying them out of the city treasury.

Now what is all this but a system by which the members of the city council pay their political debts by getting men to work for the city whether needed or not.

What is this but a system of grafting in which the city has to pay the bills?

Suppose a commission of the right kind appointed by the mayor were in charge of a department what would be the result?

In the first place the commission would appoint a superintendent and order him to employ only men who were adapted to the work, to take on no drones, no dead beats, no political heelers, none of the men who think the city owes them a living and that if they have political backing they can hold their jobs whether they work or not.

Take the park commission as an example of efficient service. That body has done better work for far less money than was ever done when the department was under the control of the city council.

Besides, all the work done is in pursuance of a definite system that in the end will give the city a splendid system of parks.

Certainly this is a fair example of the efficacy of commissions. If the street department and the lands and building department were similarly conducted then a great deal better work would be accomplished for a great deal less money.

The change to commissions, appointable and removable by the mayor, would do away with a great deal of the abuses which have run up the tax-rate to its present figure.

The great obstacle to be overcome in bringing about such reforms is the inertia of the body politic which is hard to move towards anything new, towards any change however acceptable. The subject must be threshed over and over a thousand times; it must be agitated for months or for years before the multitude can be brought to acknowledge that it is a good thing and should be adopted.

In order to overcome this power that tends to retard progress the elected representatives of the people in the city council should show greater mobility in the right direction. They should be more easily moved than their entire constituency and should more readily recognize what best serves the common weal.

SEEN AND HEARD

"Joe" Gormley is making quite a hit as a conductor of minstrel overtures and an organizer of degree staffs. He certainly is winning fame all right and that his work is appreciated by the different organizations which are favored with his services is very apparent.

Officer Frank Fox is back on his old route in Pawtucketville again after an absence of one week. Officer Fox was a grippe victim and had a severe attack. He is all right now and is keeping a sharp eye for offenders in the Pawtucketville district.

Dr. Thomas F. Carroll, the well known physician, is one of the leading "fixers" of the city. The doctor is associated with about every social and fraternal organization that the city boasts of. He enjoys the company of his friends and his fellow members find him a handy man at the piano when the social session begins.

Don Williamson, the cavalry sergeant who has been on a visit to his brother, "Jack" Williamson in this city, has returned to his post in Des Moines. Sergeant Williamson has a fine opportunity to go to China as an instructor in company with Lieutenant Conger, who is a nephew of the United States minister to China. The salary is most tempting and Sergeant Williamson has had the matter under consideration for some time.

Although civilization has stripped the Micmac Indian of his war paint, ear and nose rings and clothes made from the skins of animals, "red eye" or "firewater," better known to us as whiskey, has about the same effect on the redskin today that it had in the days of the war whoop and the signal fire. When a Micmac drops into a city and falls to drinking whiskey something is going to happen and that something generally means a night at the police station for the Indian. As a prisoner the Micmac is generally very quiet and penitent, but the fellow whom the police connected with Wednesday night was inclined to be a bit ugly. He snarled through the bars at Deputy Welch and slunk into a corner when asked questions that he did not want to answer. He told the deputy that his camp on the Richibucto reservation is lined with the scalps and ribs of white men. The Micmac concluded this little speech with a "wobo wobo." Speaking of his interview with the Micmac the deputy said: "He's an Indian all right."

A few weeks ago Martin Conway, chief of the Billerica police department, was quoted in this column as saying that he would not eat a live broiled lobster because of the torture inflicted on the lobster in the process of cooking. In the same column, and on the same day, there appeared an article on "Cruelty to Turtles" by Lieut. Donaldson. Today Mr. Conway received the following letter:

Martin Conway, Chief of Police, Billerica.

Dear Sir:—I thank you from the bottom of my heart for calling attention of the people to the terrible agony of the lobster while being cooked alive. I do not see how any one can ever eat lobster after reading what you said about it in The Lowell Sun. Please also thank, for me, the man who spoke in behalf of the turtle.

Very sincerely,

Coldspring, Mass., Feb. 10, 1905.

(Name of sender withheld by request.)

Apropos to Mr. Conway's defense of the lobster was his defense of an abused horse, this afternoon. The horse was pulling a very heavy load in Central street and the teamster was urging the poor old fellow so vigorously that the blood flowed from his nostrils. Mr. Conway caught sight of the blood and he stopped that horse in double quick time. The ignorant and abusive driver wanted to know from Martin what right he had to stop his horse.

"If we were on a country road I would thrash you within an inch of your life," was Martins' reply. "I want you to rest that horse every few minutes; if you don't I will take you to the police station where you belong." The teamster cooled down and promised to obey Martin's commands.

The appearance of two Micmac Indians in police court in as many days recalls to my mind a little romance of an Indian reservation, in Canada called "Burned Church". The chief of that reservation was showing me about the "village," as he was pleased to call it. We visited the little graveyard where rested the bones of all the Indians, good and bad, who had passed away on the reservation for years and years. The graveyard was surrounded by a newly painted fence. No stone or marble tomb marked the graves of those who were buried there. Little wooden crosses told the story and it is the solemn duty of the reigning chief to have the crosses renewed when they show signs of decay. In about the centre of the little graveyard was a great large cross that had evidently stood the blunt of years and it was the only one upon which an inscription was written in English. Indian hieroglyphics marked all the other crosses and the big cross looked as if it might mark the beginning of civilization on the reservation.

With hands clasped behind his back the old chief watched me intently as I labored to decipher the inscription which read as follows: "Chief's daughter follow young brave to happy hunting ground." I asked the old chief to explain. He could talk fairly good English and as near as I can remember he spoke as follows: "She die li long while. She's name Shootnash Geanish. Her father brave chief and big fighter. She love it young brave. Father no like it. Young brave take it Shootnash in canoe and start cross bay for Quebec. Big chief mad like fire. He chase it and kill young brave. Shootnash she die because she love it brave too much." It was a homely little story but it told the tale of a broken heart.

JAPANESE PARTY

UNDER AUSPICES OF THE KARAMA CLUB.

The Karama Social club, an organization of popular young ladies, gave their first social to their friends last evening. They spared no pains or expense in this their coming out party. The social was in the form of a Japanese party so appropriate on account of the club's name suggested by the song called "Karama".

It was a "heart to heart" affair and was held at the home of Miss Helen Keefe, 427 Wilder street. The spacious home of Miss Keefe was opened to the young people and was decorated in an appropriate manner by the young ladies. Cosy corners were in abundance and were much used and enjoyed during the evening. Japanese lanterns, sunshades, fans and other oriental articles were used in the decorations while different colored hearts were strung with ribbon from different portions of the room.

As each guest entered he was presented a heart. On the hearts were proverbs and verses to mate. The gentlemen who matched hearts acted as escort during the remainder of the evening.

A literary and musical program was carried out by the young ladies present including recitations by Miss Lillian O'Brien and Mr. Frank Higgins, vocal solos by a double quartet consisting of the members. Misses Mireault and Hannafin acted as accompanists assisted by Mrs. Thomas Hannafin and Miss Flanders on the violin.

Supper was served in a novel Japanese fashion and was much enjoyed by all present. After supper games were indulged in. A heart hunting contest took up considerable time. Miss Louise Gurney and Mr. Robert Watson received first prizes, while consolations were given to Miss Ruby Flanders and Mr. Maurice Powers.

Among the out-of-town guests were Earl Berry, Leroy Purrell and Grace Redding of Malden, Alice and Mary Barton of Roxbury and Clara Nelson and Thomas Chesterfield of Charlestown.

The young ladies who worked to make the affair a success were Misses Helen Keefe, Anna Quinn, Loretta Hannafin, Hazel Cotter, Emma Lynch, Olive Colton, Agnes Hoye, May Keefe, Harriet Angelo and Annie Donovan. Much credit is due the young ladies for the very novel way in which the party was managed. Everybody present voted the affair a success and will look forward to the next social run by this club.

BARTENDER KILLED

WAITER PLACED UNDER ARREST ON MURDER CHARGE.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Patrick H. McCarthy, a bartender in a Brooklyn saloon, was shot and instantly killed this morning in a room over the saloon where he is employed, and Richard Kane, a waiter in another saloon, is locked up charged with the crime.

Kane, according to the police, was playing cards with three others when McCarthy came into the room and struck him in the face whereupon he drew his revolver and fired the fatal shot.

THEIR FIRST VOWS

SOLEMN CEREMONY AT THE TEWKSBURY NOVITIATE.

Brothers Jutras and Goyette, both of this city, took their first vows as brothers of the Oblate community at an early mass at the Tewksbury novitiate this morning. The ceremony, which was performed by Rev. Fr. Smith, O. M. I., director of the novitiate, was witnessed by relatives and friends of Brothers Jutras and Goyette. The taking of the first vows marks the end of a novitiate of a year, which the young brothers have just completed. Rev. F. Baron, O. M. I., professor of philosophy at the institution, delivered the special sermon.

DIED SUDDENLY

RUFUS BRIGGS PASSED AWAY SOON AFTER HIS WIFE.

NEW BEDFORD, Feb. 17.—Rufus Briggs, a Marion blacksmith, died suddenly yesterday morning under peculiar circumstances. His wife, who had for a year or so been an inmate of the Taunton insane hospital, died Wednesday night. A telegram was sent to her husband, and when the messenger arrived at Mr. Briggs' house he found the blacksmith sitting in his chair, dead.

Mr. Briggs was a well known citizen and his story-telling propensities made his shop a place much frequented by summer residents.

Mr. David H. Jones, janitor of the Highland, M. E. Church, says: "We formerly used egg coal in the boiler, but the church building was always cold. The boiler was thought to be inefficient and while the question of removing it was pending, we got some Lowell Coke for a trial. The results were most satisfactory, for we found we could get more heat from Coke than from coal, while it lasted just as long, so the old boiler is still in use and our church building is as warm as any in town."

HOLDS FIRE OVER NIGHT

STANLEY'S COAL

223 MOODY ST. 53 MEADOWCROFT ST. 12 THORNDIKE ST.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC

Patrice, the foremost of emotional actresses, who is now in her second season, meeting with great success in her play "Driven From Home," was seen at the Academy of Music yesterday afternoon and evening, two large and appreciative audiences greeting the talented actress. The play is one that comes with the stamp of success from every city where it has been seen. The story is one which appeals to all classes but especially to those who have a liking for one of the order of "The Old Homestead." It is a story of life along the Hudson river and in New York City. The subject around which the clever story is written is one that has never been put into stage form, and it is one that has caught the fancy of the public. It is a story with a plot and a moral that teaches a lesson that all may learn with profit, and during the four acts necessary to tell the tale, the auditor sits in doubt as to the final outcome, as the author's work is so complete that at no time, unless near the end of the last act, can one figure out the final result.

"Driven from Home" is a story of the heart and deals with an innocent country girl pretty and affectionate, who is loved by a neighboring farm lad. During the hunting season, a young and wealthy man from a city visits her home and makes love to her. Her father is a stern old Puritan, overhears a conversation and later drives her away from home, believing she has committed a great wrong. Her devoted young brother goes with her and the two stop at a hotel miles from home. While here, they accidentally meet the city suitor and his aristocratic betrothed. The father meanwhile has followed with the avowed intention of killing his child. At the moment he appears the manly sweetheart of the girl also arrives, and then follows one of the most dramatic situations of the play.

Clever Patrice, who for several seasons has been the bright particular star in vaudeville ranks, portrays the part of Margie Maynard and little need be said of her acting for it would be impossible to criticize her in any but a favorable manner. The supporting company is one of unusual strength and embraces capable players. Performances will be given this afternoon and evening and tomorrow afternoon and evening.

PUTNAM & SON CO.

166 CENTRAL STREET

Good Trades Today

We Have Had a Splendid Business in the Fashionable Tourist Overcoats

and a count up yesterday shows there's but a handful left. The price of every Tourist in the house has been cut down—all placed in two lots — and we'll close out these smart, handsome belt back Tourist overcoats as follows:

10 Tourists were $25
11 Tourists were $23
9 Tourists were $22
14 Tourists were $20
All for **$15**

16 Tourists were $12 and $15, now marked **$10**

A Splendid Trade In All Wool Trousers

We've just closed out two hundred and fifty pairs of men's and young men's winter trousers, at a very low figure. These are new, stylish goods, made in the most thorough manner by an excellent manufacturer. The materials are heavy, strictly all wool cheviots—the popular fabric of the season for business trousers—a low price for these trousers would be $3.50, we offer this collection, both men's and young men's, for **$2.50** a Pair

Boys' Tourist Overcoats

Several lots of the nice long overcoats with half belt in back for boys up to 16 years, now **$3.00**

Handsome All Wool Norfolk Suits

for about half what they first sold for. Fancy cheviots in nice patterns, tailored first-rate, sizes eight years to fifteen. Most all were $5.00, now all are **$3.00**

Short Legged Trousers

the best that can be bought for the price. All have riveted buttons, double stitched taped seams, buttons can't come off, trousers won't rip, cut at least a size fuller than any you'll find,
Cheviots and Corduroys. **50c**

"There's Something Doing"

today in the Furnishing Goods Department for the man who wants warm underwear. We open a small lot 12 dozens of men's heavy Scotch wool ribbed shirts and drawers. Shirts have Ottoman silk fronts, drawers English jean bands. Both garments finished with silk tipped cuffs and pearl buttons. The regular price of this underwear is $1.25. This lot, all sizes for **75c**

GLEASON'S DEATH

Was Shot Twice Through The Heart

Lowell Man's Slayer Says He Fired in Self Defence—Declares That Gleason Tried to Stab Him—They Had Been Drinking Together

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 17.—Lying in the Bonney Watson morgue is the body of John L. Gleason, a musician, formerly of Lowell, Mass., who was shot twice through the heart by William Kirkland, a bartender, early Tuesday morning.

Gleason had not been in Seattle long, having come here from Aberdeen, where he was employed in the Palm theatre, yet he had friends here who at once gave information that the dead man had parents in Lowell. A telegram to the man's relatives brought reply from Joseph S. Gleason, a brother, of Lowell, who made reference to the murdered man's wife. Since that telegram came yesterday search has been made, but no information obtained as to the whereabouts of a wife.

The police are not satisfied with the claim of Kirkland that Gleason was shot in self-defence. The two men did not know each other, had no quarrel and met by chance at the bar of the Liberty saloon.

Gleason had secured employment as trombone player in the Nebraska concert hall a few days ago and stopped at the Liberty saloon on way home from that place. There he met Kirkland, a bartender in another saloon for the first time.

When Kirkland got off duty shortly before the tragedy he entered the Liberty saloon, where Gleason was drinking at the bar. They became engaged in conversation and had several drinks together. Bystanders say neither appeared to be under the influence of liquor to any perceptible degree. In the saloon at the time were T. J. O'Brien, bartender, and C. L. Bailey, a porter. O'Brien says he served the two men several drinks without paying any particular attention to what they were discussing, when all at once his attention was attracted by angry words. He looked in their direction and says he saw Gleason with a small knife in his hand making what he thought were not seriously-intended lunges at Kirkland, who was warning Gleason to keep away.

As O'Brien came from behind the bar to pacify the two men he says he saw Gleason advancing on Kirkland with the knife and Kirkland, backing away and drawing a revolver from his pocket, fired two shots in quick succession.

Gleason staggered, clapped his hands to his breast and fell headlong to the floor dead.

Without a word Kirkland laid his weapon on the bar just as Patrolman Ryan, who was standing across the street and who heard shots, came in at the front door on the run. The policeman placed Kirkland under arrest. The only remark made by him was: "He tried to cut me with the knife and I shot in self-defence." Beside Gleason's body as it lay dead on the floor was a small knife with blade open.

After being taken to jail Kirkland said: "I never saw Gleason before in my life and would not have shot him if it had not been I believed my life was in danger. He drew the knife without provocation and after I had pushed him away from me he came toward me again with it open, and I thought he was about to attempt my life. I have a wife and two children dependent on me for support, and certainly would not have involved myself in trouble or have done anything that would place me in this position unless I thought that my life was in danger. I acted in self-defence."

A friend of Gleason's told the police that Gleason was not in the habit of carrying a pocket knife. Gleason was a member of Eugene aerie, fraternal order of Eagles.

Kirkland has engaged counsel to defend him, and refuses to discuss the shooting except to profess that it was done in self-defence.

Between Season Bargains

A special lot of new style

Walking Skirts

Secured by our buyer and marked at prices that appeal to the careful shopper.

$5.98

—AND—

$6.98

These Skirts are made in worsteds, cheviots and novelty cloths, are advanced models of side, box plaits, fan plaits and the new kilted effects.

All the "Cheerful Credit" you need is here at your service. Use it —for it costs not a penny.

NO MONEY DOWN

Caesar Misch's CASH OR CREDIT

220 Central Street

A. STRAUSS, Prop.

LAWN PARTY

MID-WINTER EVENT IN PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH.

A mid-winter lawn party was held in the basement of the First Primitive Methodist church in Gorham street last night. The rather unique idea of holding a lawn party in winter attracted a large number of people to the church and a fine time was enjoyed by all present. The vestry was trimmed with fir trees and shrubbery in order to represent a wood scene. There were half a dozen tables located on different parts of the "lawn" and the tables did a good business.

Nat. Matthews, Jr., had charge of the entertainment program, which consisted of the following numbers: Tenor solos, Edward Turnbull; whistling solos, Willie Irving; readings, Miss Margaret Dow; duet, William Falvey and Edward Coughlin; quartet, Edward Turnbull, Frank Morse, Frank Flemings and Edgar Ames.

The lawn party will be continued tonight and tomorrow night, with a special entertainment for children Saturday afternoon.

DRIFTED APART

ONE-ACT DRAMA AT FIRST UNIVERSALIST CHURCH.

A pretty little one-act drama entitled "Drifted Apart" was presented by Mrs. J. F. Haskell and Mr. Michael J. Mahoney before a large audience at the Valentine party held at the First Universalist church last night. Miss Ethel Ranger and Mrs. F. L. Roberts sang several solos and duets and Miss Petrie gave readings.

Previous to the entertainment a supper was served in the vestry, 400 attending it. The supper was managed by Mrs. Guy Morey, assisted by the following named: Mrs. Fred Provencher, Rev. C. E. Fisher, Mrs. H. A. Wisby, Miss Lillian Weston, Dan McKenzie, Mrs. Charles Weston, Mrs. Harry Thompson, Mrs. Anna Howard, Mrs. E. P. Flanders, Mrs. George W. Brothers, Mrs. Mark Adam, Mrs. Lena Richardson, Miss Jennie Pearson, Miss Ella Morse, Mrs. Fred Morse, Mrs. F. W. Pearson, Mrs. J. F. Haskell, Mrs. Belle Tuttle and Miss Stickney.

MITCHELL'S SCHOOL.

The fifth annual dinner of the alumni association of the Mitchell Boys school at Billerica was held at the Hotel Westminster in Boston on Wednesday, twenty-three graduates of the school gathering around the banquet table. There were no toasts nor set speeches, but informal remarks were made by the different members. An election of officers was held and the following officers were elected to serve during the coming year.

President, R. P. Waters; vice president, Harold Barron, son of Manager Barron of the Westminster; secretary and treasurer, George Magee.

MAJORITY OF 63

Government Scored a Victory in Parliament

LORD HUGH CECIL'S FORCIBLE SPEECH

He Says Free Trade Cannot be Overthrown

LONDON, Feb. 17.—The majority of 63 by which Mr. Asquith's amendment to the reply to the speech from the throne was rejected by the house of commons last night is regarded as giving the government the first move in the political game and as finally disposing of any present prospect of the dissolution of parliament.

The real event of the night's debate was the brilliant speech delivered by Lord Hugh Cecil, which is admitted both by friends and opponents to have been his finest oratorical effort and one of the best speeches delivered in the house of commons since the Gladstone-Salisbury period, and as placing Lord Hugh in the forefront of possible leaders of the conservative party. Lord Hugh Cecil is the leader of the conservative free traders, and the liberals had placed their hopes in him to turn out the government. He disillusioned them by contending that the free trade cause would gain by keeping the present government in office still longer and while he mercilessly pulled to pieces his cousin Balfour's ambiguous attitude on fiscal questions, he declined to vote for the Asquith amendment. The majority of conservative free traders will follow Lord Hugh's lead, and apart from the possibility of some unexpected snap division, the government's position is considered safe.

The scene during Lord Hugh Cecil's speech was somewhat curious and was intensified by his peculiar habit of nervous gesture and physical characteristics, recalling the appearance of his father, the late Lord Salisbury, at the same age. Only a couple of yards separated him from Premier Balfour, sitting alone on the treasury bench.

"It is the business of a premier to make himself understood," said his lordship. "If he confesses that he has not understood, then he throws up the sponge." Then he laughingly added that if Mr. Balfour would give him an office without a portfolio, he would undertake to make his policy perfectly clear to the whole country. He feared, however, that his own ministerial career, though sensational, would be brief and that the government soon would be defeated. In conclusion Lord Hugh Cecil declared that the free traders were winning all along the line. He had no intention, he said, of leaving the conservative party. The conservative free traders were the inheritors of true conservative traditions.

"In time," the speaker said, "you will forget your bad economics. The future is with us. It is needless that we secede from the party. Why should we symbolize mental stability by an act of physical motion."

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

The regular meeting of Asa Pollard lodge, I. O. O. F., M. U., was held last night in North Billerica. After the transaction of routine business various reports were heard and acted upon showing the organization to be in a flourishing condition.

The report from the rallying committee recently formed was a surprise to all present. They reported that next meeting on March 2d would take the form of a class initiation, they having nine candidates. The noble grand reported he had secured the services of Excelsior lodge of Lowell initiation staff which ranks foremost for ritual work in the Massachusetts district. There will probably be a large attendance of members from the other lodges in Lowell, and the district officers are expected to be present.

The regular meeting of Court Wamesit, F. of A., was held last night in Foresters' hall. Chief Ranger W. A. Kelley announced to the members that the dance which was recently held by the court had proved to be a great success from a financial standpoint. He then announced the following as lucky ones at the drawing: Mrs. Folsom, 6 W. Burnside street, barrel of flour; William Bridge, 49 Concord street, ton of coal; Ed. Cottingham, 65 Andrews street, umbrella; T. Kearns, 28 Stanley street, meerschaum pipe; L. McLaughlin, 35 Pleasant street, box of cigars.

The W. R. C., No. 33, held its regular meeting last night. The arrangements were completed for the colonial party to be held at Mrs. Blood's, 30 Nichols street, Tuesday evening, Feb. 21st. Mrs. Hastings gave a very interesting report of the convention in Boston, Feb. 14 and 15, and a vote of thanks was given her. A very interesting letter from one of the members in Pasadent, Cal., was read. The corps members will meet to sew at the first meeting in March.

TWENTIETH CENTURY CLUB.

The Twentieth Century club held a pleasant dancing party at Prescott hall last night, there being over one hundred couples in attendance, music for dancing being furnished by Kittredge's orchestra.

In the ticket selling contest Miss Rose Minor won first prize, a diamond ring, and Miss Sadie Wilson was given second prize, also a ring.

Those in charge of affairs were: Mrs. Frank Moran of Lynn, general manager; assistants, Nellie Murphy, Nellie Hogan and Miss Vaughn.

ACADIAN CONVENTION.

The annual national convention of Acadians throughout New England will be held next Tuesday at Haverhill. This convention is generally held in Boston but it was deemed advisable to make a change of meeting place this year.

Many Lowell citizens of Acadian origin, among whom are Messrs. Remi Benoit, Miller Bellefontaine, Pierre Leblanc, Emile Comeau and others, intend to attend the convention.

The National Vaporizer and Vapor-Ol treatments are being demonstrated at Ellingwood & Co.'s drug store. All suffering from colds, catarrh, asthma, etc., call and get free treatment. One month's medicine free with every vaporizer during demonstration. Goods sold on thirty days' trial.

BASEBALL GAMES

Only a Few Conflicting Dates

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—After the National baseball commission had looked over the two major league schedules yesterday afternoon, and agreed not to make further changes, both documents were taken back to be printed by the leagues. The National went into session about 6 o'clock, and in a few minutes it accepted the schedule as made out by Pres. Pulliam, and gave out copies to the press. The schedule was drawn up after the style of last season, but is a much better document.

The American league schedule will not be given out until this evening, but a fair line can be had on the dates by the following notes given out by Pres. Pulliam:

There will be only 21 conflicts during the season, as follows: Ten at Chicago, seven at St. Louis (this was made necessary on account of Sunday games), three at New York and one at Philadelphia. Boston has no conflicting dates.

The New York and Philadelphia conflicts will not take place until September, so that outside of Chicago and St. Louis there is practically no conflicts next season.

The season will open April 14 and close in the east Oct. 7, ending one day later in the west.

The western teams will come east first this season, opening May 9, showing that the American league will go west at the same time.

Boston will be home with Brooklyn for two games on April 19. Philadelphia will be the attraction in Boston on Memorial day, while Brooklyn will be in Boston for Labor day, Tommy's team going to Brooklyn for July 4.

This will give the American league games in Boston June 17 and July 4.

NEW YORK.

At Boston—May 1, 2, 3, 4; June 1, 2, 3, 4, 5; September 16.

At Brooklyn—April 26, 27, 28, 29; May 31; June 28, 29, 30; July 1, 10; September 13.

At Philadelphia—April 21, 22, 24, 25; July 3, 4, 4, 5; September 18, 19, 20.

At Pittsburg—June 7, 8, 9, 10; August 2, 3, 4, 5; September 25, 26, 27.

At Cincinnati June 19, 20, 21, 22; July 29, 30, 31, August 1. October 1, 2, 3.

At Chicago—June 11, 12, 13, 14; August 8, 8, 9, 10, September 22, 23, 24.

At St. Louis—June 15, 16, 17, 18, August 11, 12, 13, 14, September 28 29, 30.

PHILADELPHIA.

At Boston—May 29, 30, 30, 31; July 4 7, 8, 10, September 13, 14, 15.

At Brooklyn—April 14, 15, 17; May 1, 2, 3, 4; June 1, 2, 3, September 16.

At New York April 18, 19, 20; August 31, September 1, 2, 3, 4, October 5, 6, 7.

At Pittsburg June 1, 15, 16, 17; August 11, 12, 14, 15, September 21, 22, 23.

At Cincinnati June 11, 12, 13, 14; August 7, 8, 9, 10; September 28, 29, 30.

At Chicago June 19, 20, 21, 22; July 29, 30, 31; August 1; October 1, 2, 3.

At St. Louis June 7, 8, 9, 10, August 2, 3, 5, 6, September 25, 26, 27.

PITTSBURG.

At Boston—May 23, 24, 25; July 24, 25, 26, 27; August 21, 24, 25, 26.

At Brooklyn May 13, 15, 16, 17; July 11, 12, 13, 14, August 17, 18, 19.

At New York—May 18, 19, 20, 22; July 15, 17, 18, 19; August 21, 22, 23.

At Philadelphia—May 9, 10, 11, 12; July 20, 20, 21, 22; August 28, 29, 30.

At Cincinnati—April 14, 15, 16, 17; May 7, 28, July 2; September 14, 16, 17; October 8.

At Chicago—April 23, 24, 25; June 4, 5; July 5, 6, 7, 8, 9; September 3.

At St. Louis—April 30; May 1, 2, 3; June 25, 26, 27, 28; September 10, 11, 12.

CINCINNATI.

At Boston—May 13, 15, 16, 17; July 11, 12, 13, 14; August 17, 18, 19.

At Brooklyn—May 9, 10, 11, 12; July 20, 20, 21, 22; August 28, 29, 30.

At New York—May 23, 24, 25; July 24 25, 26, 27; August 21, 21, 25, 26.

At Philadelphia—May 18, 19, 20, 22; July 15, 17, 18, 19; August 21, 22, 23.

At Pittsburg—May 5, 6, 8, 27; June 24; July 3, 4, 1; September 7, 8, 9.

At Chicago—April 19, 20, 21, 22; June 25, 26; July 1; September 1, 2, 19, 20.

At St. Louis—April 26, 27, 28, 29; June 3, 4; September 3, 4, 4; October 4, 5.

CHICAGO.

At Boston—May 10, 10, 11, 12; July 20 30, 21, 22; August 28, 29, 30.

At Brooklyn—May 18, 19, 20, 22; July 15, 17, 18, 19; August 21, 22, 23.

At New York—May 13, 15, 16, 17; July 11, 12, 13, 14; August 17, 18, 19.

At Philadelphia—May 23, 24, 25; July 24, 25, 26, 27; August 24, 24, 25, 26.

At Pittsburg April 26, 27, 28, 29; June 1, 2, 3, September 4, 4; October 6, 7.

At Cincinnati April 30; May 1, 2, 3; May 29, 30, 30, 31, September 10, 11, 12.

At St. Louis April 11, 15, 16, 17; June 23, 24; July 2, September 8, 9, 14, 16.

ST. LOUIS.

At Boston May 18, 19, 20, 22; July 15, 17, 18, 19, August 21, 22, 23.

At Brooklyn May 23, 24, 25; July 21, 25, 26, 27, August 21, 24, 25, 26.

At New York May 9, 10, 11, 12; July 20, 20, 21, 22, August 28, 29, 30.

At Philadelphia May 13, 15, 16, 17; July 11, 12, 13, 14; August 17, 18, 19.

At Pittsburg April 19, 20, 21, 22, May 29, 30, 30; June 30; July 1; August 31; September 2.

At Cincinnati—April 23, 24, 25; June 1, 2; July 6, 7, 8, 9; October 6, 7.

At Chicago—May 4, 5, 6, 7, 27, 28; July 1, 4; September 17, 18; October 8.

COLLIDED WITH TRUCK.

Miss Ruth Fuller, aged 14 years, a niece of Mr. George W. Trull, while driving from the farm to the end of the Andover street car line to meet Mrs. Trull, was run into about six o'clock last night by a large truck loaded with grain near the blacksmith shop. She narrowly escaped injury. Fortunately the only damage was a breaking of the harness.

An established reputation of fifty years goes as the guarantee of purity and uniformity with every package of

Tetley's Tea

The Merrimack

Announce Their

FINAL REDUCTIONS

In Every Department

We've made the final cut on winter goods. From now until March 1st we will clean up all broken lots and odd sizes at about half price—in some cases less.

It's a rare chance at high grade clothes for men, women and boys.

Men's Overcoats
$7.50, $11.50, $15, $17.50

Regular lengths, Long, Box and Tourist Coats—formerly priced at $10.00 to $25.00.

Men's Suits
$7.50, $11.50, $15.00

Fancy Mixtures, Black and Blue Worsted Cheviots—in single or double breasted sacks—formerly priced at $10 to $23.

Men's Trousers
$1.65, $2.35, $3.00, $3.75

Fancy Worsted and Cheviots—formerly priced at $2.00 to $6.00.

Men's Fancy Vests
$1.65

In the new Tan coloring—formerly priced at $2.00 and $2.50.

P. A. Frocks and Vests
$5.00

In very fine Clay Worsteds—also Cutaway Frocks and Vests—sizes 34, 35 and 36—sold at $8 up to $20 for the coat and vest—choice, $5.00.

Clay Worsted Frocks and Vests
$2.00

Small sizes only—33 and 34—Cutaway Frocks and Vests—values $10 and $12.

Worsted Vests
50c

In small sizes only—33, 34 and 35—also Blue Serges and a few Fancies—values $1.50, $2.00 and $2.50.

House Coats and Bath Robes
$3.75

The final price on garments that sold at $5.00 and $7.50.

Boys' Suits and Overcoats
$3.75

Our finest qualities, of which there are one, two or three of a kind—Russian, Sailor, Norfolk two-piece and three-piece suits—Reefers, Russian Overcoats and Tourist Overcoats—formerly priced at $5.00, $6.00 and $7.00.

Boys' Heavy Cotton Waists, the K. & E. make, reduced to 38c.

Boys' $1.00 Fancy Flannel Blouses, 50c.

Boys' Reefers
$1.00

Small sizes only—3 and 4 years—including garments that sold up to $3.50.

Special in Boys' Headwear

We are offering Boys' Cloth Hats, Winter Caps and Camel Hair Tams that sold at 50c each—special for 19c.

Odd Lot Men's Soft Hats
50c

Discontinued lines and odd sizes—values $1.50 and $2.00—at 50c.

Men's $1 and $1.50 Fancy Shirts
85c

Fine Percale Fancy Bosom Shirts—our usual $1.00 and $1.50 goods—in odd lots—at 85c.

Men's Heavy Fleeced Underwear
42c

Our 50c and 55c kinds—excellent values.

Camel Hair and Natural Wool Hose
9c a Pair

Heavy Weight Hose—our regular 12½c values—closing at 9c a pair.

Same story on Heavy Sweaters, Gloves and all grades of Underwear.

The Merrimack Clothing Company

CITY SOLICITOR

Charges Mr. Dodge With Making False Statements

And Dodge Questions Solicitor's Opinion—Dodge and Braden Attack City Treasurer Stiles But Fail to Phase Him—Controversy on Publication of Delinquent Taxpayers

The appropriation committee held another session last night, and charmed with its own success decided not to report at the next meeting as was intended but to prolong its sessions. In taking the heads of departments to task the committee makes frequent allusions to the charter and ordinances but it appears to have overlooked the provision of the charter which requires it to report at a certain date, now passed.

The committee started out last night to squelch City Treasurer Stiles and City Solicitor Hogan and being dismally unsuccessful, Alderman Braden and Councilman Dodge concluded that the city treasurer should be impeached and that the city solicitor's opinions were not as good as theirs.

The committee was woefully disappointed because the treasurer did not bring them a list of delinquent taxpayers that would take a couple of months to prepare and decided to hold off their report and tie up the departments until their vanity is gratified and the list is produced.

When the committee came to order last evening, City Treasurer Stiles was called in and was asked at once if he had the lists with him. Mr. Stiles replied that he hadn't the lists, and could not get them out in such short time, if he wanted to. Furthermore, he stated, that acting according to an opinion by the city solicitor he did not have to produce them.

"What have you to conceal in this matter?" asked Mr. Dodge.

"Nothing; I am concealing nothing," replied Mr. Stiles.

"Do you intend to conform with the committee's request?"

"I shall do anything reasonable and legal which the committee requests me to do in writing."

"Do you intend to abide by the city solicitor's opinion?" asked Mr. Dodge.

"I do."

"Now don't you think that places you in rather a peculiar light?" asked Mr. Dodge.

"Not at all," replied the treasurer calmly.

Councilman Dodge then asked why the poll tax abatements were sent in a lump sum instead of with names and the city treasurer replied that he followed a long established custom, and that the assessors had never asked for the names.

The city treasurer was then excused and City Solicitor Hogan was called.

DODGE VS. HOGAN.

Councilman Dodge immediately assumed the prerogative of chairman and started to fire questions at the city solicitor and was told promptly that the city solicitor was not there to discuss the technicalities of the law with men who wouldn't understand it. Mr. Dodge said that the committee's opinion was better than the city solicitor's on the law in the case, and the city solicitor informed him that he (Dodge) had the privilege to think as he pleased.

Mr. Hogan was then excused but instead of going away he informed the committee that he had a statement to make to the committee and spoke as follows:

"I want to correct an unfair statement which has been made by one of the members of your committee. Since he made the statement I have interviewed him and fully explained the matter and pointed out to him that the statement was false and unfair and reflected discredit on my department. I supposed common decency would have prompted him to have made an explanation before this committee and set my department right before the public. I refer to Mr. Dodge, who made statements before this committee which were false. He said that when an important case came up, outside counsel was engaged by the law department to conduct the case. He said, too, that there were no office hours in my department. Both statements were unfair and not true and I think an explanation should have been made."

When Mr. Hogan had finished Mr. Dodge said: "It is my contention that the law department is expensive and there are no office hours."

"It is not true that there are no office hours for my department," said Mr. Hogan. "I have told Mr. Dodge that he could find me in the office every day from ten o'clock until two, and that I was where I could be reached by telephone at any time during the day. The office does not require me to devote my whole time to the city. If it did I could not have accepted the office of city solicitor."

"I contend that you can't practice outside," said Mr. Dodge.

"Your contention isn't law," retorted Mr. Hogan.

Mr. Hogan then explained that the $3460 paid Hon. George F. Richardson last year for services in the Erie tax cases was for services rendered in 1889, before he was city solicitor, and that the attorney was employed by vote of the city council.

Mr. Hogan was then excused and Messrs. Mahoney and Abbott and Clerk Kirby of the assessors' department were called in.

THE ASSESSORS CALLED.

Once more Mr. Dodge did all the talking for the committee.

Mr. Mahoney was asked why personal property valuation had depreciated, and he said: "The board assessed all the personal property possible, but there were many ways of men swearing off their personal property assessment and that many local firms had gone into corporations from year to year, so that their taxes were collected throughout the state and assessed by the state.

"There are many ways of practically evading personal taxes, and there was no alternative for the assessors. A man who was considered one of the best citizens of Lowell, we had assessed for $100,000. He came in and unbosomed and swore he was worth only $11,000, and what were we to do? We simply had to accept it—there was no alternative for us."

"Why some of the best citizens of Lowell are in on it," he said.

"You'd be surprised to know the names of some persons who put thousands of dollars in the bank before the first of May. They do this, we think simply to avoid their personal taxes."

When asked as to the future of Lowell Mr. Mahoney said it was bright but he said one bad feature was the black eye given the city by the people themselves. He thought it about time to shout for Lowell instead of running it down. Mr. Mahoney said that if all the men on the committee went to work for the assessors they could not squeeze out any money from personal property.

The great difficulty experienced in locating local holdings in foreign corporations was explained by Mr. Mahoney. He saw no cure for the case. He knew of no way to overcome the difficulty, unless it might be to have somebody connected with the assessors secure holdings in the various corporations in order to get free access to the stock books. He thought this wouldn't be worth the expense.

The matter was discussed at considerable length, but nobody could find out what had been gained.

Before leaving the room Mr. Mahoney called the committee's attention to the fact that the old horse they used had died.

TO IMPEACH STILES.

After a recess Alderman Braden got a chance to talk a little and he accepted it and he said: "I believe the city trasurer is not a competent official and should be removed from office."

Mr. Dodge added his "me too" and told what business firms and corporations would do in such cases, the committee taking his word for it.

Alderman Cosgrove said a few words in defence of the city treasurer's right to stand against publication of delinquents which was the thing wanted by the committee. Alderman Braden and Councilman Dodge banged away at him to their heart's content and then they tackled the city solicitor's opinion which Mr. Dodge criticized and pinctured with an ease and agility equalled only by the proverbial "Philadelphia lawyer."

Both Messrs. Braden and Dodge handed down a supreme court decision to the effect that the opinion was a subterfuge to help out the city treasurer.

Councilman Morse asked the committee to consider that the city treasurer was under a $50,000 bond and that if he would be liable to a law suit as a result of the names being published he could not be blamed for intrenching himself behind some legal authority for the purpose of protecting himself and his bondsmen.

Attention was called to the fact that the city treasurer would gladly furnish all the figures that the committee might want, but no names.

Then Alderman Grant stated that the city treasurer had permitted him to look at the ward eight book.

The committee finally took a more commonsense view of the situation and dropped its radical talk.

Mr. Dodge thought that the committee should tie up everything for two months in order to get the lists, and the committee thought it best to think the matter over and consult legal authority before taking decisive action in the matter.

Then Mr. Dodge wanted the overseers of the poor brought up but no action was taken.

The committee talked further about the city treasurer and solicitor and then the committee adjourned to next Wednesday.

FOUR GENERATIONS OF DAUGHTERS

LEFT TO RIGHT—JEANNETTE LAPLANTE, MRS. EDGAR LAPLANTE, MRS. ABRAM JUTRES, MRS. THOMAS LOZON.

In the accompanying group are pictures of Mrs. Thomas Lozon, aged 81; Mrs. Abram Jutres, aged 54, her daughter; Mrs. Edgar Laplante, aged 25, daughter of Mrs. Jutres, and granddaughter of Mrs. Lozon, and Jeannette, the little daughter of Mrs. Laplante, and great-granddaughter of Mrs. Lozon, all of this city.

Mrs. Lozon, who will be 81 years old Feb. 20, next, was born in Vaudiel, Que. She was the mother of 12 children, nine of whom are living.

Mr. and Mrs. Lozon were married in Canada Jan. 20, 1843, and were living in St. Paul when they observed their golden wedding anniversary in January, 1893. Three days after the celebration of that event Mr. Lozon died, and his wife came east to live with her daughter and son-in-law, at 114 Ford street, Lowell. One of Mrs. Lozon's sons, Pierre, served three years in the union army in the Civil war.

Mrs. Abram Jutres says her mother enjoys good health for a woman of her advanced years and her eyesight is excellent. She is able to read without glasses.

Mr. and Mrs. Jutres were married Oct. 5, 1875, and since then have lived in Lowell. Then children have been born to them.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Laplante, who live in the house 114 Ford street, with Mrs. Thomas Lozon and Mr. and Mrs. Jutres and family, were married three years ago and two children were born to them.

Jeannette, whose picture appears with her older relatives, was born July 16, 1903. Her mother was born in Providence Aug. 25, 1880.

CASWELL'S SPECIAL CANDY SALE.

Saturday we will offer 17 varieties of Wafers. Most of them will be made for this special sale and sold for 19c a pound box. The regular price for these Wafers is from 20c to 40c a pound. 114 Central street, over canal.

"HIKING" HOME

PORTLAND MAN WAS ROBBED IN BOSTON.

HAVERHILL, Feb. 17.—Frank Webster of Portland, Me., reported to the local police last night that he was robbed of $100 in a lodging house on Eliot street, Boston, Wednesday.

Webster says that he had been working lumbering near Patten, Me., since last November.

Last Monday, owing to the heavy snow, the lumbermen were forced to quit work, and Webster, with four companions, after receiving their pay amounting to about $100 each, started for Boston, arriving there Tuesday.

He says that he and his companions spent the day about town and all drank heavily. That evening they repaired to a lodging house on Eliot street, and Webster says he knew nothing until he awoke Wednesday afternoon and found his companions and his money gone.

He felt so ashamed of his loss that he did not report it to the Boston police, and yesterday, being penniless, started out to walk to Portland. Reaching this city last night he was given lodging at the police station. He intends to continue his journey on foot to Portland.

MILLS BURNED

DISASTROUS FIRE IN LACONIA LAST NIGHT.

LACONIA, N. H., Feb. 17.—The hosiery mill of H. B. Clow & Son, in the Lakeport district and the sawmill adjoining of George D. Merrill, were destroyed last night by a fire that started at 7 o'clock. The blaze is supposed to have started in the cardroom of the Cow mill. It spread very rapidly in the oily material.

This mill was running night and day, but the 150 operatives escaped without injury.

The firemen devoted their efforts mainly to saving adjoining property. The absence made it possible to prevent the fire spreading.

The Clow mill was worth $12,000, insured for $8000. H. B. Clow & Son had machinery and stock valued at $50,000, insured for $30,000. George D. Merrill's damage is probably about $2000.

The hosiery mill of H. H. Wood & Co., near the Clow mill, was considerably damaged by water and the windows on the side toward the fire were destroyed.

When the Clow mill fell in the electric light wires from the lighting plant just across the river all went down, and Laconia was in darkness last night.

LICENSE REVOKED

HAVERHILL MAN FOUND GUILTY OF ILLEGAL SALE.

HAVERHILL, Feb. 17.—The license commissioners last evening revoked the first and fourth class licenses of Donahue Bros. Charges against the firm were preferred last fall by City Marshal McLaughlin, after R. H. Donahue, junior member of the firm, had been convicted and fined on the charge of illegal selling. He appealed and the case was sent to the superior court.

REV. MR. MIX

DECIDES AFTER PRAYERFUL CONSIDERATION TO GO ELSEWHERE.

Rev. Clifton H. Mix, of Cliftondale, Mass., who was called by the people of the First Congregational church of this city to accept the pastorate of the church, has decided to go to the Pilgrim Congregational church of Worcester, the people of the latter church having also sent him a call. His decision to accept the position in the church at the Heart of the Commonwealth was given only after looking over the territories in both cities. In a letter he states that he has not been affected by outward conditions but by inward convictions. He declines with thanks.

Guaranteed Results

Did you ever stop to think what it means to GUARANTEE absolute satisfaction on all dental work?

We Guarantee

OUR ARTIFICIAL TEETH TO BE OF THE BEST MATERIAL AND PERFECT FIT.

Gold Crowns and Bridge Work, 22k, our price $3.00 to $5.00. Just one-half what you pay elsewhere for first-class work.

The Extracting and Filling of teeth to be absolutely PAINLESS. We make teeth as low as $5.00. Fillings 50c up.

No work ever leaves our office unless patient is perfectly satisfied as to fit and finish.

LADY IN ATTENDANCE.

BOSTON

Painless Dental Rooms

16, 17, 18, 19 Runels Bldg.

HEADQUARTERS FOR

BIRD SUPPLIES

F. & E. BAILEY & CO. Apothecaries

Cor Merrimack and John Sts. Lowell, Mass.

MANICURING PARLORS

Miss Elizabeth V. Reardon will be pleased to meet all her friends and customers at her new parlors in the Central block, where she will attend to their wants in all branches of face and massage treatment and manicuring and hair dressing. Room 53, Central block, Central street. Take the elevator. Telephone 1114-3.

REMOVAL

Miss Josephine Bonan, dressmaker, formerly at the Edson block, Merrimack street, has removed to Central block, 53 Central street. No cards. Everyone welcome. Take elevator. Rooms 52-53. Telephone 1114-3.

Wall Paper

-AT-

97 Appleton Street

Academy of Music

Richard F. Murphy, Prop. and Mgr.

Three Nights and Daily Matinees, Commencing Thursday Afternoon, Feb. 16.

PATRICE

And a Carefully Selected Company in the Massive Scenic Production,

DRIVEN FROM HOME

THE POSITIVE SUCCESS

Endorsed by Press, Public and Clergy as the successor to "The Old Homestead." Produced with all special and patented scenery and electrical novelties.

POPULAR PRICES.

CASTO

AL. HAYNES, Manager.

ALL WEEK AFTERNOON AND EVENING **FEB. 13**

McWATTERS, TYSON & CO.

Grunewald's Pianos Used in Casto.

FACING THE WORLD

With ambition and strength will not always bring success. Capital is required, you know. How get capital? Put your dollars in this bank and watch them multiply under a constantly compound interest rate of 4 per cent. It will please us to tell you about the multiplying process.

Washington Savings Institution

267 CENTRAL STREET

Banking Rooms Over Lowell Trust Co.

MUNYON'S WITCH HAZEL SOAP

Makes the skin soft as velvet.
Improves any complexion.
Best shampoo made.
Prevents dandruff.
Stops hair from falling.
Cures all skin eruptions.
More soothing than cold cream.
More beautifying than any cosmetic.
If your blood is impure, or if you have Dyspepsia, or any liver or stomach trouble, don't fail to use Munyon's Paw-Paw Pills. They cure Biliousness and Constipation and drive all impurities from the blood and all imperfections from the skin.

—MUNYON.

The White Store

114--Merrimack St.--116

Hosiery at Less Than Cost

Friday and Saturday

LADIES' 12 1-2c HOSE—25 different kinds in twice as many styles. All our regular 12 1-2c stock, worth 19c

10c Pr., 3 Prs. 25c

LADIES' 25c HOSE—All our 25c stock—Hermsdorf, Onyx and Gordon dyes, in all weights and styles. Also the celebrated Burson hose, "knit to fit."

All 18c Pr., 3 Prs. 50c

LADIES' 50c HOSE—All weights, styles and dyes. Our regular 50c line.

38c Pr., 3 Prs. $1

Muslin Underwear

SOME VERY UNUSUAL VALUES.

$1.25 White Skirts	69c
89c White Skirts	59c
59c White Skirts	29c
89c Muslin Gowns	59c
69c Corset Covers	50c
49c Corset Covers	25c

Children's Wear

50c Drawers	25c
50c Gowns, Boys'	25c

Lowell, Friday, February 17, 1905

A. G. Pollard & Co.

THE STORE FOR THRIFTY PEOPLE

A Grand Good Under Price Attraction in

WASH FABRICS

30,000 Yards of New Bourettes and Voiles, Also Fancy Silk Suitings at Half the Regular Prices

Made by one of the best known mills in this country and includes the entire lot of remnants of all their newest and best patterns for spring and summer wear.

25c qualities, only..... 12½c YARD
37½c qualities, only..... 19c YARD

Be sure and see the window display.

SALE IN PALMER ST.—CENTRE AISLE.

AT THE INNOVATION

The finest and most sanitary Soda apparatus in this section. Ice Cream Soda with Crushed Fruits and Page's Cream, only.....5c

The greatest assortment of Hot Drinks. We can suit any palate. Served in the Innovation way.

MERRIMACK STREET—CENTRE.

LADIES' OUTER-WEAR GARMENTS

Rare chances for a small expenditure of money are here in these offerings. Time spent in inspecting will be most profitable to you.

For $2.98 Each

A rack of last spring and summer suits, blouse and eton jacket styles, in fancy cloths, voiles and etamines. Mostly small sizes, 32, 34, 36. We purposely omit the original prices.

For $5 Each

Ladies' Cloth Capes, 10 in number, plain and fur trimmed, 26, 30 and 36 inches long. Were $11.50, $12.50 and $15.50.

Waists

$3.75 and $4.00 values only $2.49
$5.00 and $7.50 values only $3.49

All fall and winter styles, including black taffetas, peau de sole, fancy velvets and fancy silks. Not an old waist in the lot. A good assortment of blacks even to the largest sizes.

$17.50 and $25 Jackets Only $7.50 Each

This includes all our Best Winter Coats, made from kerseys, cheviots and coverts, medium and three-quarter lengths, box and tight fitting.

All Our $10 and $15 Jackets $5 Each

We have 30 garments only in these two lots and first choice is best.

Wrappers

We offer our entire stock of $1.50, $1.75 and $2.00 grades at only .....98c EACH

Including percales, flannelettes, striped chambrays and teazledowns. All sizes 32 to 46. Eiderdown Bath Robes and Sacques are here at about one-third the first price.

On the Bargain Counter in

THE GARMENT SECTION

You'll find these "oddments" at these below cost prices:

Flannelette, Flannel and Mohair Waists, were 98c	39c EACH
Short Flannelette Kimonos, were 98c	39c EACH
Long Flannelette Kimonos, were $1.25	69c EACH
Golf Vests, were 98c	39c EACH
Wool Sweaters, were 98c	39c EACH
Walking Skirts, in mixtures, were $2.98	98c EACH
Dress Skirts, in black and blue, were $5.00	98c EACH
Jackets, were $5.00	$1.98 EACH
Linen Suits, natural and white, were $5.98	$1.98

EAST SECTION—SECOND FLOOR.

Dr. White's Celebrated Foot Remedies

Are a sure cure for corns, callouses or bunions.....15c PKG.

His representative is here to explain their merits. If you've foot troubles come here today.

Toilet Goods—West Section.

Tea and Coffee

1 pound A. G. P. Coffee,
½ pound Formosa Tea,
1 bottle Catsup,
5 pounds Sugar,

ALL FOR 75c

Mr. Johns with Little Willie and his Daisy Brand Stove Polish is here again.

Merrimack St.—Basement.

Bargains of No Small Interest in

MEN'S WEARABLES

Bosom Shirts, colored, handsome patterns, made right, fit right, were $1.00 and $1.50, for.....79c EACH

Half Hose, good styles, fancy cashmeres, cotton and lisle, all 50c stockings, for .....25c PAIR

Underwear, 10 dozen, heavy jersey ribbed, in ecru. Both drawers and shirts knitted and hemmed in a high grade manner. Regular price $1.25, for .....75c EACH

Pajamas, samples, some are soiled, some slightly imperfect, others are mismated. Made from madras and chambray, regular price $1.00 and $1.50, for.....50c A SET

White Shirts, unlaundered, long and short bosoms, well made and right in every way, regular prices 50c and 75c, for.....39c EACH

Working Gloves, about half price, heavy gloves and mittens, buck, dogskin, etc., etc., lined or not, standard railroad gloves, regular price $1.00, for .....59c A PAIR

Always keep in mind that this is the best men's store in Lowell.

EAST SECTION—LEFT AISLE.

Bargains in Our

UNDER-PRICE BASEMENT

The most economical shopping place in New England.

$2.00 Comforters for	$1.45
$4.00 Blankets for	$2.00
10c Ginghams for	6¼c Yard
6¼c Print for	3½c Yard
5c Print for	3½c Yard
12½c Black Sateen	8½c Yard
12½c Bates Ginghams	10c Yard
75c Brilliantine for	39c Yard
39c Challie for	25c Yard
17c White Waistings for	10c Yd.
10c Percales for	7½c Yard
12½c Curtain Muslin	10c Yard
12½c Outing Flannel	8c Yard
10c Outing Flannel	6¼c Yard
25c Gloves and Mittens,	10c Pair
$2.50 Boys' Suits for	$1.98
$4.50 Boys' Suits for	$3.49

Boys' Overcoats for half the regular prices.

PALMER STREET—BASEMENT.

TO ABANDON DEPOT

Board of Aldermen Adopts Committee's Report

Scheme to Lighten Traffic on Pawtucket Bridge—The Mayor's Appointment to the Board of Health Rejected

At a special meeting of the aldermen held yesterday afternoon a favorable report on the abolition of the Merrimack street station and the removal of the Thorndike street tracks was adopted. The report, which came from the special committee appointed to consider the question, aproved of the order introduced by Alderman Fairweather, Tuesday night, providing for the abandonment of the Merrimack street station and the removal of the Thorndike street tracks because the committee believed that such changes would best serve the interests of the people of Lowell. On motion of Ald. Carmichael the report was accepted and unanimously adopted. Alderman Carmichael was given permission to address the board relative to the abolition of the station and the Thorndike street crossing. He said in part:

"I am not in favor of reconsidering the vote on the passage of the resolution offered by Alderman Fairweather, in which the mayor is requested to ask the legislature for the abolition of the Merrimack street station. I believe that this matter has been pending long enough before the members of the city government, so that their information is sufficient in the matter, and that they would be able to vote with sufficient knowledge and that the matter has been argued and talked over so fully in the newspapers and by the people, that it is a matter that needs no report from any committee of the city government and can be acted upon as intelligently now as at any time in the future. Yet I am pleased that the committee has reported in favor of the discontinuance of the Merrimack street station, as it is in line with the wishes of the community. The question of the hall and the hall site comes only into this matter indirectly. This matter can be left to be settled by report of a committee, and by the city government as they deem wise in the future.

"The city of Lowell at the present time is composed of more than 100,000 people, and the question that we should determine, is whether or not the interests of a majority of the citizens of Lowell will be subserved by the abolishment of this station. When the stations were built, over 50 years ago, the city was a very small community, with people living within a small radius of Merrimack street station, and other people living within a small radius of the Middlesex street station. There were no electric cars, horse cars, or any conveyances that people could take to the station, except carriages, and therefore it was of benefit to have a station near peoples' residences, and places of business.

I believe that we are voting in the interests of the whole people, and benefitting the city of Lowell, when we voted in favor of the passage of this resolution, and I hope it will receive immediately the unanimous vote of the city council of the city of Lowell, and hope this board will not reconsider an action that is so commendable and so beneficial to our constituents—the people of Lowell."

A petition from E. D. McVey who would ask for a hearing on the matter before both branches of the city council and, on motion of Alderman Carmichael Mr. McVey was given leave to withdraw. Alderman Carmichael called attention to the fact that a hearing duly advertised had already been held and if Mr. McVey had anything to say he should have said it then.

The following order having reference to Pawtucket bridge was introduced by Alderman Carmichael:

That, whereas, for the protection of public safety, it has been proposed to construct a new bridge at Pawtucket falls to take the place of the present structure;

Wherens, it is believed that a suitable bridge may cost not to exceed $200,000; and

Whereas, in the present condition of Pawtucket bridge, there is a probability that traffic across it by street cars or by heavy teams may be absolutely prohibited;

Therefore, resolved, that, for the purpose of promoting public convenience and safety, a special committee of three members of the board of aldermen be appointed to consider

First, the feasibility of connecting the street railway now in Moody street with the street railway now in Mammoth road, through Fourth avenue; and

Secondly, in view of the fact that making this connection would permit the use of Pawtucket bridge, for restricted travel for a long term of years thus saving the expense of a new bridge; and in view of the further fact that the city treasury can afford very little if any increase in expenditure for the coming year; therefore

In recognition of these facts and after hearing the evidence pertaining to this matter, this special committee is requested to advise the board of aldermen how this great advantage can with propriety be obtained for the city of Lowell.

Chairman Grant appointed as a committe Aldermen Carmichael and Allen.

A joint order to redistrict the city was adopted. The order called for the appointment of a committee. Aldermen Fairweather, Walker and Cosgrove were appointed.

The appointment of Dr. T. F. Harrington as a member of the board of health was next in order. Alderman Carmichael moved that the appointment be taken from the table. The motion was seconded by Alderman Braden and was so voted. The nomination was defeated, Alderman Carmichael alone voting in favor.

Adjourned.

GOVERNOR UTTER

GUEST OF DELTA KAPPA EPSILON FRATERNITY.

BOSTON, Feb. 17.—Governor George H. Utter of Rhode Island was the guest of honor last night at the 25th annual dinner of the New-England Association of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity, held at Young's hotel. Among the other guests were former Governor John D. Long, Chief Justice John Stines of Rhode Island, Prof. A. A. Freeman of Andover, George A. Gaskill of Worcester and Philip Hinkley of Boston.

A delegation of 25 Brown University D. K. E. men came up from Providence in a private car and acted as an escort to Governor Utter.

SHOT AND KILLED

SUPERINTENDENT WAS ATTACKED IN HIS MILL.

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 17.—R. O. Pickard, superintendent of the Wilson cotton mills at Wilson, N. C., was shot and killed yesterday in the spinning room at the mill. Wiley House, a workman in a carriage factory, is under arrest, charged with the crime.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

SERIOUS INJURY

Three Victims of a Coasting Accident

FALL RIVER, Mass., Feb. 17.—Harold Negus, 16, is at the hospital with an injury to his spine resulting in paralysis of his lower limbs; Charles A. Clifford, 14, is suffering from an injured hip and Maud Lewin, 12, from bruises and cuts, as the outcome of a coasting accident here last night. Negus' injuries may prove fatal.

SPECIAL MEETINGS

BEING HELD AT CHELMSFORD STREET BAPTIST CHURCH.

The special meetings at the Chelmsford Street Free Baptist church are being continued with an increased attendance. Last evening Rev. E. P. Moulton, of Brockton, who is assisting the pastor, Rev. A. E. Kenyon, in the work, spoke from the words found in Luke 5: 18-19, being the story of a palsied man who was brought to Jesus in a bed, and let down through the roof of the house in which Jesus was preaching. The speaker drew several comparisons between the sick man and sinners, saying that sinners are soul sick and helpless, and should be brought to Christ for healing. The four men who helped the palsied man to find Christ represent the Christian friends who should bring sinners to the Saviour.

Mr. Moulton sang "Lift Now the Latch" and Rev. Mr. Martin of the Paige Street church offered prayer.

This evening it is expected there will be the largest number present of any evening this week, to hear Mr. Moulton speak on "My conception of what the Word of God says of the condition of a lost soul."

There will be no meetings tomorrow, but Mr. Moulton will be present at the Sunday services.

A TIMELY WARNING.

"I haven't time to go now," said curly-headed Jack Avery to his boy companion, Harry Reynolds, as the two talked together in the wood-shed "but come around after supper and I'll go with you then."

"My, but won't we have a good time," soliloquized Harry, his eyes on Jack's retreating figure. For a moment he stood very still, a mischievous look in his bright young face, then he gave a little excited caper and turned into the path leading across the field to his own home.

Supper was soon over in the Avery household. Jack found it difficult to go about his many duties in his usual calm way, but his work was at last done, and seven o'clock found him in the shed anxiously watching for Harry. He had not long to wait, for a whistle soon announced that his friend had not forgotten his appointment.

"Well," he said expectantly after he had returned Jack's nod of greeting. "Isn't it time to start to town?" "Yes," Jack replied. "Come on so we can get home in good season."

A walk of a quarter of a mile brought the boys within sight of "The Retreat," the town's one saloon, located on the main street across from the hotel. A cleverly arranged electric sign brought the name into prominence. Now and then only the letters "treat" gleam out upon the surrounding darkness, to be followed speedily by the whole name, brilliantly illuminated. The saloon was the only establishment in town which boasted of such a sign, and the boys gazed with fascination at its unique appearance.

Finally Jack exclaimed, "Why in the world are we standing here? Why don't we go in? That's what we came for, isn't it?" Harry started. "Of course," he said, hurriedly. "Let's go." Jack took the lead through the swinging doors and Harry followed rapidly. As they entered several men glanced up, and the saloon-keper came briskly forward. "Well," he asked, "what do you boys want?" Neither replied. "I can't sell you minors drinks, you know," the saloon keeper continued, "but you are welcome to stay at long as you like."

There was silence for a moment. Then, with a suddenness that was almost startling, a voice called: "Welcome to stay! Yes, welcome to stay to see the horrible sights in this room, to hear the conversation unfit for the ears of children"——

A well aimed blow from the saloon-keeper interrupted the speaker. "You have had too much," growled the former. "Mind your own affairs, if you please. I am running this place."

The person addressed straightened himself and took a deep breath. Then he said in clear ringing tones: "I beg of you, boys, to go home. I have had too much, but not enough, thank God, to blind me to the dangers before your young feet. I, too, was once rosy-cheeked and happy as you are; but liquor gained the mastery. Look well at me and heed my words, and in the days to come remember this gray-haired man who would have been glad if somebody had done for him what he is trying to do for you tonight." The old man then fell a shapeless heap at the saloon's doorway.

Those two happy boys had a temperance lesson that lasted them a lifetime. UNION SIGNAL.

CHILDREN'S DAY AT THE CASTO.

Tomorrow afternoon is children's day at the Casto, and the cosy theatre will be crowded with the little folks. Every Saturday afternoon the Casto proves far too small to accommodate the little friends of Manager Haynes, and the refined vaudeville programs always have many acts upon them that have special entertainment for the school children. This week's program is headed by McWatters, Tyson and company in their spectacular musical comedy which is presented with a wealth of special scenic, mechanical and electrical effects. The scenery is beautiful and the swamp scene with its huge water lilies and foliage is charming. Mr. McWatters will present his impersonation of the great Hermann's mysterious illusion in which a young lady is made to disappear and reappear in full view of the audience. It is indeed a mystifying act, and one that all should see.

The remainder of the program is composed of all comedy acts, and every one is a banner one. To every person attending the Casto, Saturday afternoon Manager Haynes will present the latest craze, a lolly pop free. Reserved seats can be ordered by telephone 815-3.

ON TIME.

In order to be on time you should have a good timepiece, either a watch or clock, and you will never get left. Read in this issue what G. H. Wood, the Central street jeweler, has to say on this subject.

BASE BALL TALK

New England League Prospects are Bright

The New England league schedule committee is at work on its annual task, that of preparing the 1905 schedule and the league will soon meet to receive and take action on their report. As Fred Lake is on the schedule committee he will probably see to it that Lynn and his old town Lowell get none the worst of it.

Martin Mack met a number of league baseball magnates while at Hot Springs, Ark., and he was much impressed by the enthusiastic manner in which they spoke of the prospects for the coming season. And the game looks good for Lowell and the league. Lawrence was about the only weak team last year and that has been pulled out this year. Concord never had the big crowds that other places drew but the team was there with the goods at all times and all financial obligations were met. The "angel" is still with the team and hence Concord is all right for another season. Manchester can run the season out and ought to make money. There seemed to be some internal trouble there last year that hurt but the team finished out nevertheless. At Nashua Steve Flannagan has an opportunity to make a pot of money. Dr. Collins didn't make any but he should have if he ran his team half as carefully as he conducts his ordinary business affairs. The doctor was somewhat "E. ." Nashua is a good baseball town. Haverhill with the champions there has a roseate future before it. Many believe that the absence of Hamilton from the team will take the life out of it but such cases rarely occur in baseball. The fans are looking for the game regardless of who serves it to them and a good team will draw most any time. Fall River and New Bedford had a good season last year and are due for another. In Lynn, Fred Lake will play his opening game, the best advertised man in the New England league and once the shoemakers see him perform they'll stick to him. In his care the national agreement will be a great factor in his success for being under the agreement cannot play within 30 miles of the city unless against his team and the independent team will have hard work getting attractions for nearly all the home games are in the leagues and the fans will hardly be satisfied with exhibition games when they can get a league game at the same price of admission. Manager Lake has secured the Glenmere grounds which are well located and he feels confident that he will make money this season.

In Lowell the situation appears perfectly satisfactory although as yet it is not definitely known where the team will play. The Fair Grounds owners have made an offer to Mr Mack which he is considering. It will be recalled that last year the town of Tewksbury asserted Manager Lake lost for a license to play ball, the only town in this broad land that requires a license to play the national game. It is understood that this year the selectmen are willing to cut down the price but why they should change at all passeth understanding. As soon as the schedule is out Mr. Mack will decide upon the grounds. Meanwhile the fans are divided as to which place they prefer. Manager Conlors has a first class complement of men to select from and he assures his friends that his team will be as good as any and better than most of them when it gets going.

JOHNSON IS DEAD

NEW YORK LAWYER VICTIM OF MORPHINE POISONING.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Harrison F. Johnson, a lawyer died yesterday in the New York hospital from morphine poisoning. He was removed from a hotel in 36th street to the hospital in a comatose condition and died without regaining consciousness.

The police are holding Mrs. Dottie Everhard, who they allege gave the morphine to Johnson, and her companion, Lottie Reynolds.

Johnson, who was about 40 years of age, was married and had one child.

BRILLIANT RECEPTION

BY PRESIDENT AND WIFE TO ARMY AND NAVY.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—President and Mrs. Roosevelt's reception to the army and navy, the last of the formal evening social leaves at the White house for the season of 1905, took place last night. It was the largest and most brilliant of any of the receptions thus far this season. Practically all the officers of the army and navy stationed in Washington were present. Invited to meet the guests of honor were the diplomatic corps, headed by Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador, the justices of the supreme court, the members of the military and navy affairs committees of the senate and house and prominent representatives of Washington and out-of-town society.

Conspicuously displayed in the long red corridor fronting the parlors were United States flags, the flags of the president, the admiral of the navy and the lieutenant general of the army and other military emblems. The marine band rendered a program composed entirely of martial airs.

The president and Mrs. Roosevelt received the guests in the blue parlor and were assisted in this function by the members of the cabinet and the ladies of their families with the single exception of Secretary and Mrs. Hay. Col. Charles S. Drabwell made the introductions. Mrs. J. West Roosevelt is a guest at the White House.

ARE YOUR KIDNEYS WELL?

Bright's Disease, Diabetes, Rheumatism, Gout, Gravel, Dropsy, Inflammation of the Bladder, Bad Blood and Nervous Troubles caused by Sick Kidneys.

Falls & Burkinshaw, 618 Middlesex st.; Albert F. Moore, 62 Gorham st., opp. Post Office; Ellingwood & Co., corn Central and Merrimack sts.; C. E. Carter & Co., 48 Branch st.; Frye & Crawford, 561 Merrimack st.; Davis Sq. Drug Store, A. P. Flory & Co., 824 Gorham street, the well known druggists know by experience that BINDITO will cure all forms of Kidney and Nervous Troubles, and will guarantee it in all cases.

Can't you afford to try it at their risk? It costs you nothing if it doesn't do the work.

Sent by mail to any address, prepaid, on receipt of 50 cents. Six boxes $2.50, under a positive guarantee.

BARGAINS IN MATTINGS

We find after taking stock that we are overstocked in certain grades of fine Mattings—We will offer same at very low prices during rest of month or while they last.

Our 40 and 45 Cent Grades for ..... 29 Cents
Our 30 and 35c Cent Grades for ..... 22½ Cents
Our 25 Cent Grade for..... 17½ Cents

Come early and secure the best styles—All goods marked in plain figures.

J. S. Hastings, Carpets, Draperies, Upholstery Nos. 133 to 137 Merr'k St.

PARTHENAIS BROS. CO.

Tremendous February Reductions

Highly Appreciated

We offer you CLOTHING WHICH REPRESENTS ART IN STYLE, SKILL IN MANUFACTURE AND HIGH MERIT IN QUALITY. It is a pleasure to refer to these facts in calling your attention to a few special bargains for TOMORROW, SATURDAY.

Here they are:—

Men's Fine All Wool Suits, beautiful dark mixtures, which were a bargain at $10, $12 and $15, your choice now for just..... $8.00

Men's Strictly All Wool Suits, handsome light effects, were $10, $12 and $15. Now cut to..... $4.98

Duck and Sheep-skin Lined Coats almost given away.

EVERY OVERCOAT WE HAVE LEFT IS MARKED PROPORTIONATELY LOW.

Always bear in mind that in buying here you run no risk of being deceived. YOU ARE SURE OF SATISFACTION. Our guarantee says GOODS EXCHANGED, MONEY REIMBURSED.

THE NEW SPRING HATS ARE HERE

526 to 536 MERRIMACK STREET

On the Square **THE BELL** On the Square

THE BALANCE OF OUR WINTER STOCK

CONSISTING OF

Men's Suits, Overcoats and Pants

Boys' and Children's Clothing

Ladies' and Misses' Coats and Furs

And the Largest Shoe and Rubber Stock in Lowell

GOES ON SALE TODAY

AT FROM

35 to 60 Cents on the Dollar

Strictly Cash. One price. Your money back if you want it.
Dealers Invited

This Sale is for a Limited Period Only

Bell Shoe and Clothing Co.

31 TO 41 MERRIMACK ST. ON THE SQUARE

TRAINS TO AND FROM BOSTON

SOUTHERN DIV. From Merrimack St.

6.45, 6.52, 6.45, 7.40, 8.50, 9.24, 11.00 a. m.; 1.40, 4.25, 5.44 p. m

Sundays, 8.45 a. m.

From Middlesex St.

To Boston.		From Boston.	
Lve.	Arr.	Lve.	Arr
5.46	6.50	6.00	7.04
6.26	7.40	6.50	7.20
6.39	7.30	7.34	8.34
6.49	7.55	8.25	9.01
7.01	8.02	9.00	9.37
7.24	8.10	10.00	10.37
7.31	8.50	10.17	11.34
7.48	8.35	11.30	12.07
7.52	10.03	12.00	12.56
8.37	9.40	1.00	1.57
9.53	10.49	2.00	3.01
11.05	12.00	3.00	3.37
11.43	12.24	3.47	5.00
12.14	1.00	4.14	5.30
1.44	2.50	5.00	5.37
1.56	2.38	5.35	6.25
3.47	4.30	5.47	7.24
4.28	5.30	6.14	7.30
5.21	6.15	7.30	8.06
6.49	7.60	8.36	9.08
8.11	8.55	10.20	11.24
7.39	8.10	11.20	12.21

* Runs to Lowell Wednesdays and Saturdays only.

SUNDAY TRAINS

WESTERN DIVISION

8.15	9.25	8.00	9.18
12.10	1.20	12.00	1.00
3.35	4.50	5.05	6.25
5.32	6.45		
8.03	9.50		

SOUTHERN DIVISION

6.36	7.50	9.00	10.00
7.24	8.10	11.50	12.07
8.48	9.42	1.00	1.57
9.20	10.15	5.00	5.59
2.25	3.27	7.30	8.06
5.23	6.34	8.30	9.08
6.22	7.05	9.00	10.02

LOCAL NEWS

Tobin's—Printing—Associate Bldg. Tel.

T. A. D. Sullivan, wholesale grocer.

Hire your hacks at O'Donnell's stables. Tel. 439-4.

CASWELL'S SPECIAL CANDY SALE.

Saturday we will offer 17 varieties of Wafers. Most of them will be made for this special sale and sold for 12c a pound box. The regular price for these Wafers is from 20c to 40c a pound. 114 Central street, over canal.

Fire-Smoke-Water

Our big sale of Suits and Cloaks has been the talk of the town. Since we started we have made hundreds of ladies happy with the big bargains that we are giving them and if you have not visited our bargain sale yet, be sure and call at once. Remember the place,

458 Merrimack Street

Money saved on every purchase.

JOHN W. McEVOY
Counsellor-at-Law and Public Administrator
137 Central Street Tel. 639-4

JOSEPH E. LOUGHRAN
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
6 Hildreth Bldg. Lowell, Mass.

JAMES E. O'DONNELL
Attorney-at-Law
HILDRETH BUILDING, LOWELL

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

GENERAL MILES

Continued.

every territory. It was my good fortune to be a native of the best. I deem it always a good fortune to have started in this good old commonwealth. New England training was mine, and I found it beneficial in every sphere of life I have occupied.

"The more I journey over my own country, the more I appreciate what a grand and glorious republic we have. It is still in its infancy. The western half of our country today is not occupied by more people than are crowded into the Philippine islands, a territory not as large as New Mexico. There is plenty of room in our country. There is one state into which you could put all the people living within the borders of the United States, and then add ten millions more, and that state would not be as crowded as the state of Massachusetts. The fertility of its soil will not be exhausted in a thousand years. Beneath the surface, the mineral wealth will not be exhausted in a thousand years.

"There is more material wealth in our country than in any other country on earth. Therefore, there is room for development; there is room for energy and enterprise. There is plenty of room, in the field of activity where there is no sound of warring cannon or dying men. There is a field for every enterprise and industry, for the energy of our people. The future is as rich with its rewards as the past has been full of achievements and success. I wish you every happiness, every prosperity, and the brightest possible future."

HON. C. E. WARD.

The last speaker was Hon. C. E. Ward, chairman of the ways and means committee of the house of representatives, who substituted for Sec. Olin. After a humorous reference to his embarrassment upon being a substitute instead of a regular he said:

"I am also embarrassed in another way. I am supposed to stand as a half-hearted wretch, over and against the purse strings of the Commonwealth. The first man I saw, on coming to this hall, was Mr. Cunnock, who said, 'I am going before your committee. We have got to have that appropriation for our textile school.' Then I saw Mr. Pollard, who said, 'Not only for the textile school, but I shall go up into western Massachusetts and ask for Amherst Agricultural college. If I can sail through this evening and not promise anything, I shall consider that I have done well.'

"One thing you have lost in Lowell, that we have in the country, and that is the town meet, where you can meet and scrap out your differences and not leave them to a city council and board of aldermen.

"Different times demand different men. I have no fear at all but the men of today, backed up by the women, will take care of the present and make the pathway right for the future.

"As a board of trade, you are supposed to stand for fair trade. The best interests of Lowell demand not the schemes of Lawson, but men who will stand for solid business methods.

"We have especial pride tonight, in one who never dishonored the state on the field of battle.

CHARLES E. ADAMS.

A letter from Secretary Olin announcing his inability to be present was read by President Neale, after which President Adams of the state board of trade was introduced and he spoke in part as follows:

"It may be that we shall have to depend upon the women to awaken public conscience and educate public opinion in order to eliminate many inconsistencies that are now in our governmental laws. As in our commonwealth alone there are over 350,000 women engaged in professional, mercantile and industrial life and over 30,000 women unitedly working for the betterment of the conditions affecting mercantile and industrial vocations some idea may be formed of the numerical strength, the power and the influence of these organizations throughout the country. A prominent lawyer and earnest advocate of civil service recently stated that since women had organized and become actively identified with the work of the merit system that system had not only wonderfully advanced but even the legislative bodies, although opposed to civil service no longer treated it contemptuously but recognized the truth that public opinion had reached that state where proper consideration was demanded for both the measure and its advocates.

"When in the future, history shall record the benefits derived through this United States from the gratifying development of philanthrophy, trade, commerce and industry through the influence of boards of trade, it will also record how potical by the catholicity of interests has been the work of women through their organizations in the advancing of public welfare and in the uplifting of humanity, for whatever prominence man may appear to have taken in the world's progress, some believe with a writer, that man was an experiment and woman was the finishing touch, while we all know and accept as a truism the lines that read 'Behind every great man stands the inspiring personality of some good woman.'"

The reception committee was headed by President Neale and the committee which arranged the delightful event consisted of President Neale, Alonzo G. Walsh, A. F. Swanton, H. A. Smith and Milo D. Clay.

THE GUESTS PRESENT.

Among those present were the following: At the head table—Lieut. Gen. Nelson A. Miles, Charles H. Conant, Esq., Councilor Walter S. Watson, Charles E. Adams, Representative Charles E. Ward of Buckland, Elisha J. Neale, President of the Lowell board of trade; George Edward Martin, D. D., J. L. Chalifoux, Mrs. Milo D. Clay, Vice President Alonzo G. Walsh, A. G. Cunnock, Milo D. Clay.

The others were: Frank H. Swanton, Miss Elizabeth M. Butler, Charles H. Burtt, Thomas H. Lawler, Edward J. Richardson, Thomas F. Russell, Horace Ela, Jesse H. Shepard and wife, Mr. and Mrs. George R. Dana, Secretary B. Hodgman, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Stanley, Miss Gertrude Stanley, Harry L. Stanley, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Meader, Asa C. Russell and wife, F. A. Bowen and wife, Mrs. E. J. Neale, Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Dexter, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Runels, Mr. and Mrs. William E. Walsh, Mr. and Mrs. Craven Midgley, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rhodes, Mrs. C. H. Burtt, Mr. and Mrs. William Cogger, Harvey B. Greene, Charles F. Flemings, Frederick J. Flemings and wife, Major Charles S. Procter and wife, Albert L. Paul and wife, Mrs. F. H. Swanton, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Weinbeck, Mr. and Mrs. David R. Knipe, Mrs. Harry Stocks, Mrs. A. G. Walsh, Mrs. A. F. Swanton, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hoyt, Charles H. Dalrymple, Walter Coburn, Mr. and Mrs. George R. Holden, Arthur Mellor, Herbert L. Bishop, Fred C. Church, Walter H. Howe, Frank Y. Morse, Supt. Arthur K. Whitcomb, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick O'Hearn, S. H. Thompson, Isaac E. Wotton, W. A. Morse, general sec. Y. M. C. A.; Dr. W. M. Jones, Mrs. A. Josie Davis, Millard F. Davis, F. D. Munn, Jr., Mrs. F. D. Munn, Jr., H. F. Barnes, S. C. Davis, F. A. Spear, G. C. Prince, N. T. Wilcox, Robert H. Eaton, John H. Harrington, Paul E. Chalifoux, A. D. Sargent, Alexander Strauss, E. J. Hardy, O. D. Wilder, William E. Badger, M. J. Courtney, Hamlet Greenwood, C. F. Douglas, Azro M. Dows, Mrs. Frank B. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Douglas, Rev. Edwin R. Smith, Mrs. Edwin R. Smith, W. T. S. Bartlett, Mrs. W. T. S. Bartlett, Miss Cora M. Bartlett, Bernard F. Gately, C. H. Conant, Jr., Arthur G. Pollard, Mrs. Arthur G. Pollard, Mrs. Charles E. Adams, E. Ellingwood, F. E. Putnam, Thomas L. Dickson, Edgar H. Barker, Arthur L. Gray, Mrs. Arthur L. Gray, F. H. Claflin, David Dickson, Mrs. David Dickson, Mrs. D. L. Page, A. H. Cluer, Miss L. Ella Calderwood, Miss Minnie A. Robertson, Mrs. Hans C. Dege, John L. Robertson, H. C. Dege, Frederick Conant, H. R. Rice, C. T. Upton, Mrs. C. T. Upton, J. R. Currier, Mrs. G. L. Huntoon, Miss E. M. Wells, George L. Huntoon, John C. Burke, Mrs. John C. Burke, Wesley M. Wilder, Richard Gumb, H. M. Gumb, W. S. Mansfield, James G. Hill, C. Oliver Barnes, Edward Cawley, A. B. Woodworth, George M. Trull, E. S. Stickney, Arthur B. Humphrey, James E. Donnelly, Richard J. Welch, J. F. McCarron, John H. Gagan, James Hearn, Lawrence Cummings, John J. Hogan, George M. Harrigan, Charles H. Clogston, Mrs. C. H. Clogston, G. Paine, E. D. Shadduck, Mrs. E. D. Shadduck, Lillian G. Smith, A. E. O'Heir, Mrs. A. E. O'Heir, Harvey D. Bailey, Mrs. Harvey D. Bailey, Hazel Chadwick, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Fletcher, Mrs. C. R. Blake, A. M. Chadwick, Mrs. J. J. Connell, Dr. A. W. Burnham, Mrs. James E. Gibson, James E. Gibson, Mrs. Henry A. Smith, Henry A. Smith.

J. M. Musson, Penacook, N. H.; Herbert E. Fletcher, West Chelmsford; Stillman C. Davis, Cambridge.

MAYOR CASEY'S SPEECH.

Mayor Casey spoke as follows:

"I congratulate the Board of Trade upon this most successful banquet, successful as it is in many ways. Tonight you have honored the city of Lowell in bringing here the distinguished guests that you have. We feel honored by the presence of the secretary of the commonwealth, and also by the presence of the man who is honored by every man, woman and child in the United States for his sterling integrity of character, for his high conception of public duty and the great service he has rendered his country. Lieut.-General Miles, we welcome you to our city. It is a welcome that is sincere and heartfelt. We are proud of the fact that you have honored us by coming to our city. You are in the midst of friends tonight, for every citizen who loves his country is your friend.

"A live board of trade means a live city. A live city means no stores to let, no empty tenements, plenty of work, plenty of business, a happy and contented population. Everywhere evidences of prosperity and progress are seen. The stranger knows at a glance that the city is up to date and on the road to a brighter and better future. How different with the sleepy city, with its sleepy board of trade! No rush, no hustle, things at a standstill, and everybody waiting for better days. The city looks dead, is dead, and even the air 'a solemn stillness holds.'

"Some of our citizens say Lowell is a dead city, others that we are only sleeping. A few days ago a prominent merchant said that Lowell had gone backward and was not the city it was ten years ago. He had no hopes for improvement and no idea of what the future would bring. However, most of us look upon the bright side. We have a large and populous city with thriving industries and thousands of skilled workmen who are the equal of any in the land. Each year our population grows larger, a sure sign that we are going forward; for no city on the down grade can ever gain in new residents. I have great faith in the future of Lowell and know that our city will prosper in a degree unparalleled in its history.

"You will find in every community the chronic fault-finder who sees no good in anybody or anything, who would impress you that every man is a rogue but himself, who sees no honest motive in any man's action, public or private; who drops a mysterious hint here and there that there is somewhere sinister motive hidden in the action of every public man; who raises the calamity cry, and at every opportunity speaks disparagingly of his city and its people. Such a man is an impediment to the progress of any community and should be ridden out of town on a rail.

"Criticism is too readily directed against city councils. My experience has been that the majority of men sent to city hall are actuated by a purpose to give to the citizens a clean administration. Unjustifiable criticism has the demoralizing effect of keeping many good men from serving in your city council. The incendiary utterances of men who should know better, speaking derogatory of our city, has a bad effect, for, taken as a matter of news, such statements are spread broadcast through the medium of the press, to be commented upon editorially by newspapers in other cities.

"This board has performed much good work for the advancement of the city's interests, yet it can perform a great deal more for the opportunity is ever present.

"Grasp every chance to increase the prosperity of the city, don't wait for the stranger to do it.

"Suggest and bring about public improvements when feasible.

"Communicate with the city council upon questions of public policy.

"Let us leave this hall tonight with increased pride in our city, and a firm determination to advance its interests at every opportunity, so that Lowell will continue to grow and prosper.

KEEFE & HORAN
WARREN STREET.
Hacks, Coupes and Landaus. Carriages for weddings, parties, funerals, depot and hospital service. All up-to-date coaches, every carriage furnished with the Standard Heater.

J. J. O'Connell. J. J. Cashman.
J. J. O'CONNELL & CO.
Funeral Directors
1010 Central St. Davis Sq
Telephone Connection.

JOS. F. DONOHOE
Real Estate and General Insurance
Rooms 46-47 Donovan Building, 267 Central st., Lowell, Mass. Tel. connections.

Chairs of All Kinds
Recaned and Repaired
CLARENCE MAHONEY
73 BRANCH ST.
Tel. 1567-3.

The Big Sale
Of Wagner Couch Co., New York.
Exhibition Sample
.....OF.....
Couches, Sofas
Turkish Chairs
Parlor Suites
ETC., ETC.
at .....
A. E. O'HEIR
AND COMPANY.
Merrimack Square
Opens Today

An All-Around Liniment

Witch Hazel is one of the very few remedies that are absolutely safe no matter how they are used.

Will cure any ordinary ache or pain, internal or external.

Good for bruises, cuts, burns, toothache, headache, sore feet, lameness, sore throat and any kind of inflammation.

Excellent to use after shaving. It heals the skin and leaves it soft and smooth.

These are only a few of its uses but to get good results you should use only the purest and best. Our triple extract of

Witch Hazel

is the kind you pay 25c for in the drug stores. We sell it by the pint for

15c

Talbot's
40 Middle St.

GEO. H. WOOD, *151 Central Street* THE LEADING JEWELER

OUR sale of watches during the last week has been large owing to the extremely low prices which we are quoting. We give a written guarantee with every watch sold and they range in price from $1 to $100. We quote a few prices to show what we are doing.

SPECIAL FOR SATURDAY ONLY

Gent's 20 year, gold filled case, Waltham movement, reg. price $15, **$8.98**

The finest Silver Polish in the world, **15c a bottle,** regular price 25c.

Alarm Clocks - 89c, $1.19 REGULAR $1.25 AND $1.50.

Pocket Books - . 25c, 43c REGULAR 50c AND $1.00.

Boston Bags, 39c, 49c, 89c REGULAR 50c, 75c, $1.25.

Watches - - - - $7.79 REGULAR $15. 10 YEAR.

Watches - - - . $9.98 REGULAR $18. 20 YEAR.

Tea Sets, $4.98, 8.98, 19.98 REGULAR $10, $16, $30.

Cut Glass Nappie - 98c REGULAR $2.00.

8-Day Clocks 3.98, 4.49, 4.98 REGULAR $6, $8, $10.

Rings - $2.98, 4.98, 5.98 REGULAR $5, $8, $10.

Kitchen Clocks - - $2.49 REGULAR $4.50.

SPRING STYLES 1905

Spring is near at hand. Get your ideas today from a most critical selection of the leading styles for 1905.

A pleasure to show them to you,

SUITS
IN RICH MELROSE, PANAMAS AND FINE SERGES

JACKETS
IN COVERTS, BROADCLOTHS AND CHEVIOTS

Skirts and Waists
LATEST EFFECTS IN LEADING MATERIALS

Why we are always the lowest in price.
Largest buyers. Have 5 stores in other cities.

The Remaining Winter Garments Almost Given Away

New York Cloak & Suit Co.
12 JOHN STREET

May Manton's **Paper Patterns** New Spring Styles 10 Cents Each

O'Donnell Dry Goods Co.
"The Store of Quality and Style."

Advance Styles in **Ladies' Hats** are displayed today in Millinery Dept.

17,500 Yards New Ribbons

Will Be Offered Friday, Saturday and Monday

Very Much Under Regular Value : : : : : : :

Our object in making special low prices for these three days is to attract immediate attention to the largest and best assorted stock of Ribbons ever brought to Lowell at one time. Months ago we became wise to the fact that the spring season would be a big ribbon season. Ribbons are to be used on everything. Silk dresses, wash dresses, millinery and underwear. We anticipated early and largely. We make special arrangements so that our stock may be perfect from now on. Anything you may require in ribbons that is fashionable or up-to-date you may secure here, and if you want to make money bubing ribbons, come today, tomorrow or Monday and select from any of the following lots:

LOT 1	LOT 2	LOT 3	LOT 4
Wash Taffeta Ribbons, 4 inches wide, 19c quality	Lustre Taffeta Ribbons, 5 inches wide, 29c quality	Beautiful Satin Taffeta Ribbons, 25c quality,	Messaline Taffeta Ribbon, 50c and 60c qualities
At 12½c Per Yard	At 19c Per Yard	At 15c Per Yard	At 39c Per Yard

The showing includes all the new colors, the two tones, Reseda, Strogoff Greens, Violet and Mohogany, as well as the regular staple colors.

Knit Underwear Dept.

A few closing prices on odd lots for today and tomorrow.

Ladies' Onelta Combination Suits, 50c value, **29c Per Garment**

Ladies' Fleeced Vests, regular and extra sizes, an excellent garment at **33c Each**

Ladies' Medium Weight Vests and Pants, a staple 50c value, **37c Per Garment**

Hosiery Dept.

Some good picking today and tomorrow.

Ladies' Black Fleece Lined Hose, in plain or rib top, 25c quality, today or tomorrow **19c a Pair**

Children's Wool Hose, fast black, all sizes, positively 25c qualities, today or tomorrow **3 Pairs 50c**

The above two are particularly strong values but there are others if you only take time to investigate.

Ladies' Mohair Shirt Waist Suits
New Models $5 Each

There are just 50 of these to start the selling with this morning. The colors are blue, brown and black. The styles are excellent—you would really wonder how they can be made at the price. This lot won't last long—early pickers get good choosing.

Ladies' Rain Coats
Stylish Models $6 Each

You can't match them anywhere for less than $10. Some are worth $12.50, made from rainproof cloth, in up-to-date fashion and one of the most fashionable as well as necessary garments for spring wear. You'll never see anything like them when this lot is gone.

New Hamburgs 5c, 7c, and 10c per yard Three Exceptional Bargains

O'Donnell Dry Goods Co.
Merrimack and Middle Streets

Every day brings **Something New in Wash Fabrics** We are the strongest people in Lowell on this line.

$5,000 $5,000

AUCTION SALE
GOING OUT OF BUSINESS

I will sell my entire stock and fixtures in small or large quantities—

GENTS' FURNISHINGS, CLOTHING, SHOES, TRUNKS, ETC.

Sale Commences Tonight at 7.30 p. m.

and continues every day at 2 and 7.30 p.m. until the entire stock is sold, at

Nos. 94-96 Middlesex Street

J. W. BRUCE, Auctioneer. H. CARP.

THE WEATHER

The indications are that it will be cloudy tonight, Saturday fair, colder during the evening and night, fresh to brisk southwest to west winds.

THE LOWELL SUN

6 O'CLOCK

ESTABLISHED 1878 — LOWELL MASS. FRIDAY FEBRUARY 17 1905 — 10 PAGES ONE CENT

NIGHT EDITION

ASSASSINATED

Grand Duke Sergius Killed by Explosion of Bomb

LONDON, Feb. 17.—A dispatch to Reuters Telegram company from St. Petersburg, says a telephone message has been received there from Moscow announcing that an explosion has occurred at the Kremlin, where the Grand Duke Sergius has been residing and that it is rumored that the Grand Duke was killed. The dispatch adds that no confirmation of the report has been obtained and that the population of Moscow is greatly excited.

According to another report, a bomb was thrown beneath Grand Duke Sergius' carriage and the latter with the Grand Duke was blown to pieces.

The Grand Duke Sergius, uncle of the Russian emperor and formerly governor general of Moscow, is understood to have been condemned to death by the revolutionary party in December last. The governor generalship of Moscow was abolished early in the year and the Grand Duke, according to dispatches from Moscow, January 4, kept closely to the well guarded Nickouski palace on the outskirts of Moscow, retaining his position of commander-in-chief of the military district. Later in January, however, it was announced that the Grand Duke had sought refuge in one of the palaces of the Kremlin.

The Kremlin, situated in the centre of Moscow on a hill, 40 yards above the level of the Moscow river, dominates the whole of Moscow. It is a sacred spot for the Russians. It is an immense assemblage of churches, palaces and national monuments surrounded by a crenelated brick wall 21 yards high and having 21 towers.

ASSASSINS ARRESTED.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—Another dispatch to Reuters Telegram company from St. Petersburg says that a later telephone message from Moscow states that the Grand Duke Sergius was assassinated when driving towards the Kremlin and near the court of justice. His carriage was followed by another vehicle containing two men. A bomb was thrown beneath the grand duke's carriage, there was a violent explosion, the carriage was shattered and the grand duke was killed. The assassins were arrested. One of them was wounded dangerously. Several students have been taken into custody.

STUDENTS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 17.—The Associated Press has received a dispatch from Moscow stating that the Grand Duke Sergius, while driving in a carriage to the Kremlin at Moscow, today, was assassinated by a bomb which was thrown beneath his carriage. The carriage was blown to pieces. The assassins were arrested. One of them was dangerously wounded. Several students who were in the vicinity were taken into custody.

WAS DECAPITATED

STORY OF THE ASSASSINATION OF GRAND DUKE SERGIUS.

MOSCOW, Feb. 17.—While Grand Duke Sergius was driving today from the Nicholas palace through the senate quarter, his carriage was followed by two cabs. At the law courts a sleigh in which were two men, one of whom was dressed as a workman, went quickly ahead of the Grand Duke's carriage. The sleigh then slowed up to allow the carriage to pass and at that moment a bomb was thrown beneath the carriage. The force of the explosion was heard outside the city. The carriage was blown to pieces nothing but the four wheels remaining. The horses were not hurt and bolted. The Grand Duke was instantly killed. His head was blown off, actually being separated from his body which was frightfully mangled. The coachman was also killed. He was so frightfully burned by the explosive with which the bomb was charged that he died while being taken to a hospital. On the arrest of the murderers, neither of whom was known to the police, one of them cooly said: "I don't care. I have done my job."

An immense crowd gathered at the spot and made a demonstration against a number of students who began seats. Within a few minutes after the explosion, people might have been seen gathering up pieces of wood and clothing as mementos of the crime. When the Grand Duchess Elizabeth widow of the Grand Duke Sergius, was informed she immediately went to the scene of the assassination without waiting to put on a hat or cloak. The gates of the Kremlin were closed as soon as the news of the assassination was conveyed to the authorities and the remains of the Grand Duke were taken to the Nicholas palace.

THE TERROISTS

HAD CONDEMNED THE GRAND DUKE TO DEATH.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 17.—5.40 p. m. The news of the tragedy in which Grand Duke Sergius was blown up created a tremendous sensation in St. Petersburg, where the announcement by telephone from Moscow arrived during the afternoon. Owing to the intense excitement prevailing at Moscow, few particulars are ascertainable. The tragedy in reality was no great surprise as it was known that the terrorists had already condemned the grand duke to death and ever since the affair of Jan. 22, the inauguration of a bomb throwing combination had been anticipated.

Grand Duke Sergius, who was a brother-in-law as well as uncle to the emperor, and who had exercised immense influence at court, was regarded as the most reactionary of the grand dukes. As governor general of Moscow he was intensely unpopular. His advent as governor general of Moscow was followed by expulsion of the Jews from the central provinces and throughout his administration his rigorous and harsh measures aroused the greatest hostility especially among the students. Two years after the student riots in which many were killed and wounded, several hundred expulsions to Siberia followed under the orders of Grand Duke Sergius and General Trepoff, now governor general of St. Petersburg, but who was then chief of police of Moscow. As there were many threats made against his life, the grand duke was obliged to flee to his summer residence, 20 miles from the city. During the recent strike disturbances he left the Diskoutchny palace on the outskirts of the city where he had been living and took refuge inside the ramparts of the Kremlin where he had since lived in that town in what is known as the little palace opposite the famous statue of Alexander II. The trip to the Kremlin on that occasion was made at night between solid lines of troops.

Grand Duke Sergius was the wealthiest member of the imperial family. He was tall, handsome and cordial in manner in spite of the ruthless fashion in which he exercised his authority as governor general. He was childless but had adopted two children of his brother Paul, who was banished on account of a morganatic alliance. Sergius' record as a soldier was not brilliant. He suffered a disastrous defeat at the hands of General Kuropatkin during the famous Koursk manoeuvres.

EXTRA

TERMS OF PEACE

Discussed by the Czar and His Ministers

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 17, 6.40 p. m.—The Associated Press learns on exceptional authority that the question of peace was formally considered by Emperor Nicholas and his ministers at the conference held at Tsarkoe-Selo yesterday. No particulars are obtainable as before the discussion began, the emperor exacted from each one present a solemn promise not to divulge the slightest hint of what transpired. The belief is, however, that the possible conditions and terms were under consideration.

It is suggested in high quarters that some intimation of terms has reached the Russian government from Japan, although it is certain that it did not come through the regular diplomatic channels.

11,000 BANDITS BOTHER RUSSIANS

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 17.—A dispatch from Sachetun, Manchuria, says that 11,000 Japanese and Chinese bandits are reported to be in South East Manchuria in the neighborhood of Chaibashchon, 45 miles northwest of Gunshu pass, whence they intend to operate against the railroad. A detachment of Russian frontier guards with two guns encountered the Japanese February 14 and defeated them. The detachment, however, while advancing was surrounded by two regiments of Japanese cavalry, four companies of infantry and a large band of Chinese bandits about 15 miles northwest of Gunshu pass and lost heavily. One gun was lost and nearly all the gun horses and a number of gunners were killed.

RUSSIANS OFFICERS BROKE THEIR PAROLE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The state department has informed the Russian government that three officers of the Russian transport Lena, who were interned at San Francisco have broken their parole and are now in St. Petersburg. The men are Engineer S. Kozazin and Midshipman Peter Michaeloff and Andrey Kyra Danyan.

On January 31, last, the navy department was quietly advised of the absence of the Russian officers from the Lena and steps were taken to locate them with the result that they were found to be in St. Petersburg. Secretary Hay makes no demand for the return of the men but simply leaves the Russian government to do the proper thing in this case.

The Japanese government is aware of the escape of the Russian officers, but it has made no protest so far, evidently believing that the United States government has been adopting every precaution to insure the observance of strict neutrality in its port.

The United States government, however, is responsible for the flight of the men, though what measure of reparation is expected by the Japanese government is not known. Under instructions from the navy department Admiral McCalla has taken steps to keep constantly informed of the whereabouts of every one of the officers and crew of the Lena.

PARTING WAS SAD

Mother Bade Tearful Farewell to Her Children

The parting of a mother and her six children in the guard room at the police station this forenoon was sad enough to touch the hardest heart. Mrs. Mylott's six children, Mary 12, Catherine 10, John 9, Frank 7, Margaret 4, and James 2 were removed from a home of poverty and filth, 10 Riverside avenue, off Stanley street, by Agent Richardson of the Humane Society, yesterday. The children were taken to the day nursery in the police patrol wagon and this morning, in police court, they were turned over to the overseers of the poor.

After the court proceedings had been gone through with the children and their mother were taken to the guard room down stairs and she was told to say good by to her little ones. Two of them were placed in the care of women who were on hand to take them home, women known to Secretary Courtney of the overseers of the poor. The other four were taken to the city farm where they will remain until such time as the overseers find suitable homes for them.

Agent Richardson of the Humane society told of the condition of things at the Mylott home and his story of the poverty and filth of the place was enough to make sick an apostle of cleanliness. Mrs. Mylott's husband died about two years ago and she was left with six small children on her hands. Her friends and neighbors sympathized with and assisted her until such time as they found that she had lost interest in herself and her children, and things went from bad to worse. Today's proceedings was the sequel to the sad affair. Although it was known to everybody who witnessed the parting of Mrs. Mylott and her children that there was no alternative as they had suffered privation and neglect of the worst kind. James, the baby boy, put his little arms about the baby boy, put his little arms about his mother's neck and cried as if his heart would break. Four-year-old Margaret pleaded with them not to take her mamma away and taking it all in all it was a session of tears and sorrow.

LONG SENTENCE

Daring Burglar Got 25 Years

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Christopher Smyth, alias "Sand Rock," the young man who committed a series of daring robberies by holding up wealthy residents of this city in their own homes and at the point of a revolver, compelling them to pay him money, was sentenced to 25 years in state prison today. He secured only small amounts but he operated with such daring that the entire police force was instructed to find him. Smyth declared that he committed the robberies for the fun he got from them and was amused at the conduct of his victims.

NAN PATTERSON

WILL BE PLACED ON TRIAL AGAIN ON MARCH 6.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—District Attorney Jerome today sent a notification to counsel for Nan Patterson, accused of murdering Caesar Young, that a new trial of her case will be begun on March 6 in the criminal branch of the supreme court.

PANAMA BILL

AMENDMENT HAS BEEN OFFERED BY MORGAN.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Senator Morgan today offered the following amendment to the Panama canal bill: "If the president in the exercise of the powers conferred upon him by law, shall remove all or any of the members of the Panama canal commission, or if any such offices shall become vacant for any cause, no appointments shall be made to fill such vacancies during the recess of congress."

SPRING HATS

ARE NOW READY

The Talbot Clothing Co.

The Daylight — American House Blk.

CIGARETTE FIEND

Spent His Money on Coffin Nails

AND NEGLECTED HIS WIFE AND CHILD

William Street Pole Was a Loafer

Samuel Shufil, a William street Pole, was arraigned in police court today charged with failing to provide proper support for his wife, and Charles displayed a very grave ignorance of the law. His wife said he had not contributed whatever to her support or the support of their child for one year and Charles admitted that his wife's story was true.

"I look for the work and can't get it," said Samuel. "I use to work on the Massachusetts and on the Boott but no more now."

"You have been drunk more than 20 times, to my knowledge, in the past six months," said Deputy Welch.

"Well, I don't know," said Samuel. "I take the beer when I can get it, because I likes the beer."

"What did you do with the money you received for acting as interpreter in factories and other places?" asked the deputy.

"I didn't get much."

"You didn't give it to your wife, did you?"

"No, and she never give me any."

"Who supports the child?"

"She does."

"She supports you too, does she not?"

"No, not altogether."

"What do you do with the money you earn?"

"I want the cigarette and I buy the cigarette and the beer."

This clinched Samuel's case and he was sentenced to the common jail for a term of three months.

A NEGLECTED CHILD.

Olive B. Vinal, a pretty little girl was called and it was explained to the court that she was growing up in neglect. It was a Chelmsford case and Olive was turned over to the state board. It was told the court that the little girl's home was a resort for disreputable people, that she did not attend school and that the influences were very bad.

Marie Anne Belanger was charged with being a stubborn child. It was her second appearance before the court on the same charge within a year.

Her mother told the court that she could not control the girl and Marie was sent to the state industrial school.

THE DRUNKEN OFFENDERS.

Susanna Marren, jail six months; Daniel J. Moran, Mary Green, and Carl Brett were fined $6 each. Grace Mansur and Walter Bow were fined $2 each.

PERSONALS

James Callahan of this city has joined the Fisk stock company as second comedian.

Rev. C. E. Fisher started for Utica, N. Y., last night, to attend the annual banquet, Friday night, as guest of his former church in that city.

Miss Bertha F. Hamilton, teacher at the Lowell Commercial college, attended the governor's reception and ball at Concord, N. H., Wednesday evening.

WANTED—At once, a pressman who can bushel, steady work the year around to the right party. Apply to the Lowell Cleansing and Repairing Co., room 10, 62 Central st.

The jar, jar, jar of constant coughing! Hammer blows, steadily applied, break the hardest rock. Coughing, day after day, jars and tears the throat and lungs until the healthy tissues give way. Doctors know why Ayer's Cherry Pectoral cures. Sold for sixty years. J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.

COLUMBIA GRAPHOPHONES

Cylinder Records 25c

Disc Records Exchanged 50c

Outfits on Easy Payments.

Columbia PHONOGRAPH COMPANY

62 Central Street

WANTS TO IMPEACH GOVERNOR

CHARLESTON, W. VA., FEB. 17—AFTER A SEVERE ARRAIGNMENT OF GOVERNOR WHITE BY SENATOR CALDWELL, WHO DEMANDED HIS IMPEACHMENT, THE SENATE TODAY ADOPTED A RESOLUTION TO INVESTIGATE THE GOVERNOR AND APPOINTED A COMMITTEE TO THAT END.

HAD AN APPETITE

Plumbers' Helper Discovers Feed at City Hall

THAT WOMEN HAD HIDDEN AWAY

The Poor Women Didn't Get a Look-in

The appropriations committee is a dainty bunch for after its several hours' session last night it had a lunch, the principal features of which were sandwiches and ice cream.

Now this is not written to criticize the committee for eating on the city for they certainly are entitled to the best after giving several hours of their time to the city's business, even if they do waste some of the time, but because a disgruntled head of a department remarked that if they took a good square meal they might see things differently and because of an amusing incident that occurred this morning as the result of the lunch.

It seems that there were a few sandwiches and a considerable amount of ice cream left over and the women who work at the hall carefully hid it away intending to eat it when they had finished their morning's labor.

Now it happens that some plumbing is being done at the building and on the work is a husky-looking young plumber's helper who can look a feed in the eye with anyone and in the course of his rambles he discovered the lone estimate that the committee hadn't cut into, namely the feed. Immediately he proceeded to temporarily forget his plumbing education and look after the inner man and he went at the feed as only a healthy growing youth can.

Fifteen minutes later three tired and hungey women each bearing a nice, clean plate repaired joyously to the hiding place in fond anticipation of a treat. Imagine their dismay upon arriving there to find a well filled youth contentedly licking his chops and gazing upon a plate and an ice cream freezer, both empty.

ART CRITIC APPOINTED.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 17.—Frank Vincent Dumond of New York City, a well-known art critic, has been appointed chief of fine arts of the Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition.

ARSENIC POISON

Caused the Death of Mrs. Hoch

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—Drs. W. S. Haines and O. W. Lewke, who have been analyzing the stomach and liver of Mrs. Maria Welcker-Hoch, the latest alleged victim of Johann Hoch, declared definitely today that the woman's death was due to arsenical poisoning. Dr. Lewke, who is the coroner's physician, said the arsenic in the stomach indicated an intent to murder.

"With the evidence of four analysis before us," said Dr. Lewke, "There is no doubt left that Mrs. Welcker died as the result of work which would have done credit to a 'Borgula'. We did not get ordinary reactions, showing simply traces of the drug. All our traces showed arsenic in quantities large enough to kill."

Dr. Haines is professor of chemistry in Rush medical college, of the University of Chicago. He is recognized as an authority upon questions of toxicology.

FUNERALS

SWEENEY—The funeral of the late Margaret Sweeney took place this morning at 9.30 o'clock from the home of her son, James Sweeney, 52 Perry street, and was largely attended by relatives and friends of the deceased. A high mass of requiem was celebrated at the Immaculate Conception church at ten o'clock by Rev. Fr. Fitzpatrick O. M. I. The choir was in attendance and sang the Gregorian mass and during the service appropriate selections were rendered by the members of the choir.

There was a profusion of beautiful floral offerings in evidence showing the esteem in which the deceased was held by her friends and acquaintances, the following being the most prominent: Wreath, from the grandchildren of the deceased; spray of lilies, Mrs. Carr; sheaf of wheat, friend; and a wreath of carnations from a friend. The bearers were Messrs. William, James and Charles Sweeney, James Gilston, Owen McGrall and Michael O'Connell. The interment was in the Catholic cemetery where the committal prayers were read by Rev. Fr. Fitzpatrick, O. M. I. The funeral was under the direction of Funeral Director Saunders.

FREEMAN STOPPED RUNAWAY.

J. E. Freeman, the Davis square grocer, made a clever capture of a runaway horse in Gorham street this afternoon. The horse is owned by O. P. Davis, the livery stable-keeper, and was setting hot pace when Mr. Freeman stopped the animal.

TREATY SIGNED

PRESIDENT PLACES HIS NAME TO PARCELS POST AGREEMENT.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17—A parcels post treaty between this government and Great Britain was today signed by President Roosevelt, Secretary Hay and Postmaster General Wynne. It has already been signed by the British officials and will take effect April 1.

BILL SIGNED

CHILDREN CANNOT WORK IN MINES.

HELENA, Mont., Feb. 17.—Governor Toole has signed the bill recently passed by the legislature prohibiting the employment of children in mines.

LOWELL COUNCIL R. A.

Lowell Council No. 8 Royal Arcanum held its regular meeting at Odd Fellows' Temple Thursday evening. After the usual routine of business the cigars were passed and the members and friends enjoyed a whist contest. F. L. Favor was the winner of the first prize, a handsome stein with a score of 53. I. E. McKeon and J. Daly were tied at 46 for second prize, a watch fob, Daly won in the cut and third prize a fancy pack of cards with case went to the loser.

HARD PULLING

HORSES WORKED HARD IN MERRIMACK SQUARE.

There was the scraping of knees, the straining of harness, and the clashing of steel on the pavements and street railway tracks in Merrimack square today. Horses pulling big loads pulled as they never pulled before and at least four teams got stuck and had to be heped out of thei rdifficulty.

In one case the teamster was blamed because he stopped his horses while his sleds were on the bare pavements. "You ought to know," said Officer ane, "that the place to rest your horses is on either side of a bare spot." The teamster looked at the officer and said "I guess you're right, Dan."

"If you fellows would carry a shovel along," said Dan, "you would avoid lots of trouble. A few shovels full of snow on these bare spots would make all the difference in the world. It's a shame to pull horses to death when a little snow in certain spots would make it easy for them."

PROF. GOODSPEED DEAD.

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—Dr. Geo. Stephen Goodspeed, professor of history at the University of Chicago, died of pneumonia today. He was graduated from Brown university in 1880 and took his doctor's degree at Yale. He was 46 years old and leaves a widow and one son.

SPECIALS AT YERXA'S GROCERY

For the Next Six Days

Friday, February 17, and Saturday, Feb. 18	1 doz. Fine Large Navel Oranges ....30c doz. 1 lb. Superior Tea..50c lb. 1 lb. Best Mocha and Java, 30c lb. 1 pk. Best Potatoes, 17c pk. 1 qt. N. Y. Pea Beans, 10c qt.	All For $1
	Smoked Shoulders.............7½c lb.	
Monday, Feb. 20 and Tuesday, Feb. 21	Lenox Soap..........4c cake, 7 for 25c Yerxa's Soap........4c cake, 7 for 25c Enameline, 5c size..............3c box Enameline, 10c size.............6c box Rose Milk ....8c can	
Wednesday, Feb. 22, and Thursday, Feb. 23	Good Ripe Tomatoes, 7c can, 4 cans 25c Patriot Brand Peas, 10c can, 3 cans 25c Best Red Alaska Salmon......12c can Best Pure Lard.................8c lb.	

There is not a grocery store in Lowell that is offering such values in first-class merchandise as we are—To arrive at the true valuation of food stuff you have to eat it.

Yerxa's

223 CENTRAL STREET — Tel. 979-3 Free Delivery

6 O'CLOCK

FIRE IN A HOTEL

One Woman Was Burned to Death

FIFTEEN OTHER PERSONS MADE THEIR ESCAPE

The Property Loss is About $4,000

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—One woman was burned to death and 15 other men and women narrowly escaped in a fire which damaged the Hotel Winton at the corner of One Hundred and Tenth street and Park avenue early today.

The dead woman, from cards found in the room she occupied, is believed to have been Miss Lydia Themel, of 1529 Montgomery avenue, Philadephia. She was about 30 years old. Those who escaped from the hotel refused their names. The fire started in a room on the second floor of the hotel and when the firemen arrived flames were bursting from windows in the upper stories. Fifteen men and women were driven out into the streets in their nightclothing and it was believed that all escaped until the body of Miss Themel was found after the fire had been extinguished. Her body was found lying in a hall-way, where she had been overcome by the smoke and flames. She was badly burned and died before a physician reached her. The loss on the building was about $4,000.

DAMAGED BY FIRE

Blaze in Harvard Students' Clubhouse

CAMBRIDGE, Feb. 17—The building of the Signet club, a society composed of students of Harvard University was badly damaged by fire today and several persons, member of the family of the steward had narrow escapes. The fire was caused by coal in an open grate. It spread quickly to the upper rooms, of the building, which is a two and a half story wooden structure. The steward, Walter Stevens, his wife and children were unable to escape from the club house by the stairway on account of the smoke and fire. They were rescued by firemen from the windows on the second floor. Many of the furnishings and the works of art were removed from the club house by students and firemen. The last picture to be saved was a portrait of James H. Hyde of New York, who was one of the most prominent and active members of the club. The damage to the building was estimated at $1500.

FELL ON SIDEWALK

Elderly Lady Injured in Market Street

Mrs. Susan G. Baron of Wilder street aged 78 years, met with a bad accident on Market street, yesterday afternoon. While on her way to Judge Hadley's office in the police court building, she fell on the icy sidewalk and received an injury to her left limb. She was picked up and placed on a car and taken to her home where she will be confined for some little time, being unable to walk as the result of her injury.

GIVEN BIBLES

WEST POINT GRADUATES RECEIVE GIFTS.

WEST POINT, N. Y., Feb. 17.—In accordance with a custom of long standing, bibles have been presented by the tract society to the members of the graduating class at the Military academy at a special service in the Cullom Memorial hall. The entire cadet corps, together with General Miles and other officers, assembled for the ceremony which closed with an address by Rev. E. M. Stires of New York.

Economy

Is a strong point with Hood's Sarsaparilla. A bottle lasts longer and does more good than any other. It is the only medicine of which can truly be said

100 DOSES ONE DOLLAR

The Product of the

7-20-4

10c Cigar Factory

is now larger than that of any individual manufacturer in New England. The name R. G. Sullivan stamped on every cigar insures quality.

R. G. SULLIVAN, Mfr., Manchester, N. H.

C. & S.
WASHING FLUID COMPOUND
Potash, Bai Tartar, Ammonia and Borax.
20c Can will make 2 gallons Fluid
Carter & Sherburne
CUT PRICE DRUGGISTS,
Merrimack, Cor. Bridge St.

KILLED BY TRAIN

Man Was Engaged in Shovelling Snow

ST. JOHN, N. B., Feb. 17.—Two deaths have occurred in the eastern provinces as a result of the recent heavy storms. While shovelling snow at Carleton, Ernest Jamson was killed by a New Brunswick southern railroad train, on the thirteenth anniversary of his wedding.

At St. Haynie, Que., M. Guertin, who was once convicted on a charge of murdering a man who is still living, was struck by a snow plough and killed. Many years ago Guertin's nephew, a man named Brunelle, living in the United States, disappeared from La Presentation, Quebec. He was last seen in his uncle's company and when some linen covered with blood was found in the woods where the men had been shooting, Guertin was arrested, found guilty of murder and sentenced to death. Before the sentence could be carried out the nephew who had gone to his home in the United States heard of the case and returned, thus saving his uncle's life.

ANNUAL SUPPER

And Roll Call at Chelmsford Centre Church

The annual roll call and supper of the Central Baptist church at Chelmsford was held in the vestry of the church last evening and the attendance was unusually large. The ladies of the church served supper at 6.30 and every seat at the long row of tables was taken. The roll call was read by the pastor and a feature of the meeting was a large crayon portrait of the late Deacon David Perham, to whom the society is indebted for its church home. The picture was given the society by David Perham's grandson, Mr. Walter Perham.

Eulogies were paid the memory of the first pastor, Rev. John Parkhurst, by Rev. C. Williams and Dr. S. L. Dutton. The latter said in part:

"Every father is in duty bound to so live as to forever be to his children the exponent of the highest type of manhood. This means character, courage, integrity, uprightness and unsullied honor; all of these as a groundwork upon which to rear a rare spiritual superstructure were possessed by the Rev. John Parkhurst, who was the first pastor of this church and of whom I am to speak tonight; A man of high scholarly attainments, graduating at Harvard in 1811, it was his purpose to become a Unitarian minister, all of his family belonging to that faith.

"From a change of views however, soon after graduation he became a Baptist and Baptist preacher, remaining steadfast to his principles throughout a long life. He was a man of great sweetness of character, a peace maker, a friend to all and revered and honored of all classes.

"Underneath this quiet exterior, however, was that stern courage of which in olden times martyrs were made. Furnished as he was with this fine mental equipment, yet at the call of conscience, which to him was the voice of God, he cut aloof from friends, family and tradition to ally himself with that little band who as the Nazarenes of old were at this early day the objects of scoff and ridicule."

SENATORS PLEASED

CORRIDOR NEAR THE CHAMBER WAS CLEARED.

BOSTON, Feb. 17—Members of the state senate were able yesterday for the first time during the session to pass from the reading room to the senate chamber without molestation.

The long suffering upper branch men had at length rebelled against the existing conditions. For days past the corridor just outside the reading room and the space directly in front of the senate lobby has been overcrowded by constituents determined to buttonhole their respective senators. The private room of the senators was also invaded.

Yesterday morning a protest was entered by some of the members of the senate and Doorkeeper Davis did the rest.

At 1.30 the crowd was ordered back beyond the office of the clerk of the senate. And the space remained cleared till half an hour after the adjournment of the body. Some of the constituents kicked a bit, but the senators were delighted at the new arrangement which was effected without the necessity of an order of the senate.

At the session of the senate the committee on public service, with Representative Cummings dissenting, reported leave to withdraw on the petition for amendment of present law to decrease the height required for appointment to the Boston police force.

Leave to withdraw was also reported on the petition to provide that callmen on the New Bedford fire department may be appointed to permanent positions without civil service examination.

GREAT GRAND-MOTHER

MRS. ESSIE CAMPBELL ATTAINS DIGNITY AT 55.

Mrs. Essie Campbell of Charles street had the proud distinction of being a great-grandmother at the age of 55 years. That was nine years ago, and today she is a great-grandmother to three of the prettiest girl children that one would be able to find. They are Harriet, 9 years; Loretta, 8 years, and Maudie Keefe, 5 years.

The children are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Keefe of Cabot street. Mr. Keefe is a second hand in the Lawrence hosiery factory.

Mrs. Campbell was born in Ireland and emigrated to this country when she was 10 years old. She is as active today as she was 20 years ago and has not a gray hair in her head.

The Choral society met last evening for a regular rehearsal, with an attendance of 45. The next rehearsal will be held on Friday evening of next week at the usual place, Odd Fellows hall.

MAYOR OPPOSED

To B. B. Johnson's Latest Liquor Bill

TAKES REVENUE AWAY FROM THE CITY

City Solicitor Will Oppose the Bill

On Monday morning next, before the committee on liquor laws of the legislature a hearing will be given on the bill introduced by Lawyer B. B. Johnson of Waltham, the noted anti-license advocate providing that the money received for liquor licenses shall be paid half to the state and half to the county, thus taking a source of revenue from the city.

The bill in full was as follows:

Section 1. Section forty-five of chapter one hundred of the Revised Law is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 45. The treasurer of a city or town shall, within thirty days after the receipt of money for licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors, make a return of the amount thereof to the treasurer and receiver-general, and at the same time shall pay to him one-half of the amount so received; and he shall pay the remaining half to the treasurer of the county within which his city or town is located; and for neglect thereof he shall pay interest at the rate of six per centum per annum on the amount of such receipts from the time they become due until they are paid.

Section 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of September in the year nineteen hundred and five.

Mayor Casey today authorized City Solicitor Hogan to appear at the hearing on Monday and oppose the bill as His Honor does not believe that the revenue should be taken from the city as such a move would greatly increase the tax-rate.

ANOTHER STRIKE

Rapid Transit Co. Employes May Quit

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—After a protracted meeting behind closed doors at which 1000 employes of the Interborough Rapid Transit company were present, it has been determined to again make sweeping demands on the management of the road, failure to grant which, it was declared by some of those present, would result in a general strike on the Interborough system, both subway and elevated, March 1. There have been several meetings of a similar nature in the past year and each time the trouble has been settled after conferences with the road's officials.

To draw up a statement of the men's demands, for changes from the present regulations, regarding the number of hours of employment, the number of trips to constitute a day's work, the length of time between trips, and to set forth other matters of less importance a committee was appointed by the president of the local union, Geo. E. Pepper.

This committee will labor steadily until its work is finished and it is hoped to have the matter in such shape that it can be taken up with August Belmont, president of the Interborough company, and Frank Hedley, the general manager, some day next week.

The chief complaint brought out at the meeting was that an agreement made one year ago has not been fulfilled by the company. This agreement is said to expire March 1, leaving the employes free to strike if they wish.

JAY COOKE DEAD

HE WAS FAMOUS AS A FINANCIER.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 17.—Jay Cooke, whose fame as a financier is world-wide, died last night at the home of his son-in-law Charles D. Jurney, at Ogontz, a suburb of this city. Mr. Cooke was 83 years old. He has been complaining of general debility, the result of old age, for several years.

His condition was not considered serious, however, and his death last night came rather suddenly. Last Monday he entertained as his guests 125 young ladies attending the Ogontz school and their friends. On that occasion he appeared to be in good spirits and was the last to leave the reception room.

SENATOR TAYLOR

WANTS EMPLOYES TO HAVE NEW RIGHTS.

BOSTON, Feb 17—What is considered one of the most important labor measures of recent years came up before the legislative committee on the judiciary yesterday afternoon.

Senator Taylor of East Boston appeared and advocated a change in the "employers' liability" act to give one workman injured through another workman the same right to recover compensation as if he was not an employee.

This has been considered a matter of vital importance by laboring men, especially in districts like the water front, where there is so large a proportion of employments involving constant risk of personal injury, or death.

The many friends of Miss Elizabeth Emberg will be pleased to learn that she is improving rapidly at her home on Nelson avenue, where she has been ill for some time.

Mr. Joseph H. Rawlinson of 191 Cumberland road is steadily improving, after his recent indisposition.

The Sweetest Hurdy Gurdy Music
For All Occasions is Furnished
Only By
Michael Grosse and Marie Grosse
189 Charles Street.

GENERAL MILES

Paid Graceful Tribute to American Womanhood

LIEUTENANT GENERAL NELSON A. MILES ADDRESSING THE BOARD OF TRADE LAST NIGHT.

Famous Warrior Charms His Hearers at Board of Trade Banquet — Mayor Casey Denounces Calamity Criers—Annual Ladies' Night a Brilliant Success

The Lowell Board of Trade held its 18th annual banquet in Odd Fellows Temple last evening and the event was one of the most brilliant and withal charming in the history of that organization.

The board was particularly fortunate in having as its guest of honor Lieut. General Nelson A. Miles, who charmed his hearers with a beautiful and inspiringly patriotic speech, and another happy feature of the occasion was the presence of about 100 ladies, for the event was also Ladies' Night.

Many were there who expected of General Miles, a doughty warrior who in the popularly conceived gruff voice of a commanding officer would dilate upon martial topics and when they listened to one of the most graceful tributes ever paid to American womanhood spoken in a gentle, pleasing and well modulated voice they were most agreeably disappointed and demonstrated their pleasure in frequent and loud applause.

The guests of honor at the banquet were General Miles, Hon. Charles E. Ward, chairman of the ways and means committee of the House of Representatives, Mayor Casey, Rev. George E. Martin, D.D., and President Adams of the state board of trade.

Secretary of State William N. Olin was expected but owing to illness was unable to attend and sent Rep. Wood in his place.

Early in the evening General Miles, assisted by President E. J. Neale of the board of trade; Mayor Casey, and President Adams held a reception in the hall adjoining the banquet hall while the Lowell Ladies' orchestra rendered a program. All shook hands with the general and shortly aftr 7 o'clock the guests, some 200 or more, filed into the banquet hall where a fine menu was spread.

After dinner President E. J. Neale made a speech of welcome and referred briefly to the work of the board of trade. Incidentally he stated that the board of trade is unqualifiedly in favor of the abolition of the Merrimack street depot and the Thorndike street grade crossing. He then introduced Mayor Casey, who was warmly received.

Rev. George E. Martin, D.D., was the next speaker and his remarks were well received.

GENERAL MILES' REMARKS.

As Gen. Miles was introduced the entire audience arose and cheered him lustily. He spoke in part as follows:

"I thank you for this cordial, greeting, this welcome. It is more than I deserve. I cannot find words to express my appreciation.

"This banquet is peculiar in one respect, unlike many that I have attended in many parts of the country. I congratulate you, in that you have brought with you the best part of your lives. You have brought that blessed influence that has made your lives prosperous and happy. You realize that there is one place where you can find a confidence and a friendship and an influence that will be safe for you to follow. It is home. If there is one blessed influence in America, and one that makes our nation prosperous and great, it is the home influence that governs the lives of our people.

"It has been my pleasure to circle the earth, to spend some time traveling through a nation of 400 millions of people struggling for existence. There is not enough patriotism in the interior of China, to last an American over night. They have no time to think of the welfare of their city or the possibilities of their nation. It is a struggle for existence, working 16 and 17 hours a day, for five cents worth of rice.

"I have journeyed across another country, with 130,000,000 people. Only 5 per cent. of the people could read or write. I wondered what they could be thinking about, with no books, no schoolhouses, no newspapers, no intelligence of the world.

"I journeyed over the countries of Europe, and noted the conditions there. Mighty armies tramped the earth, and the women were doing the work in the fields. They were supporting dynasties, emperors and despots, holding together by the mighty arm of physical force, but not by moral influence.

"I come back again with pleasure, to my own native country. There is nothing like it on earth. It is a nation where man is the sovereign, and where woman is the superior of the sovereign. It is sometimes said that American women are the worst spoiled women in the world. That statement was made by a high official in England some time ago, and replied to by an American lady, who said: 'That may be true, but they are spoiled by the best men on earth.'

"Men in America are sovereigns. Each individual has a deep interest and a great responsibility in the welfare of his country. You can make your city, your state, your nation, just what you will. You have wrought a grand work. You and your fathers have established and maintained the best system of government on earth. While there has been great necessity for individual heroism, fortitude, sacrifice and patriotism during the last fifty or one hundred years, there will still be quite as strong a requirement in the next ten, twenty, thirty and forty years, as in the past. I trust that the same patriotism, the same intelligence, the same devotion will be exercised, and I am quite sure that it will be, by both men and women, to hold our nation up to the high standards that have been established by our fathers, and maintained by you during our time.

"It has been my pleasure to visit every state of this great republic, and

Continued to page ten.

NARROW ESCAPE

MERRIMACK STREET DRUG CLERK BURNED BY ALCOHOL FLAME.

Mr. William Rourke, clerk at Lang's City Hall drug store had a narrow escape from bad injuries while at work in the store laboratory this morning. A portion of a preparation of soap liniment, containing some alcohol, which he was mixing spilled upon a stove and ignited and in an instant Mr. Rourke was enveloped in flames. With great presence of mind he rushed to a set of heavy hanging draperies nearby and wrapped the draperies about him smothering the flames. His hair, eyebrows and his nose were scorched and his coat destroyed but otherwise he escaped injuries.

PASSED "EXAMS"

For Postal Clerks and Letter Carriers

The list of candidates who passed the examination for positions as clerks and carriers at the local post office on Dec. 3 of last year, has been posted at the local postoffice and is as follows

CLERKS.

George E. Grady, 51 Central street, 88.65; Charles L. Kinzelin, 9 Simpson place, 84; Louis N. Phaneuf, 467 Moody street, 83.50; John H. Shea, 28 Butler avenue, 83.40; Elias J. Hoopes, 144 Merrimack street, 81.65; Walter J. Kenney, 99 Washington street, 80.95; Arthur E. Judd, 123 Humphrey street, 80.40; Edward F. Harnden, 513 Gorham street, 79.90; John H. Murphy, 56 Arlington street, 79; Herbert W. Persons, 966 Lawrence street, 78.70; Walter B. Edgell, 628 Westford street, 78.60; John J. Coyne, 13 rear 15 Bassett street, 78.10; Kenneth E. Campbell, 83 Queen street, 78.05; Olaf A. Bernston, 125 Moore street, 77.45; Bruce I. Lawley, R. F. D., 1, 77.20; Arthur S. Pihl, Wamesit, 77.20; Joseph W. Burns, 427 Lakeview avenue, 74.10; William H. Mooney, 203 Moore street, 73.70.

CARRIERS.

Timothy J. Sullivan, 37 Merrill street, 87.30; John J. Harrington, 361 Concord street, 86.50; Hazen G. Pillsbury, 150 Midland street, 84.55; Peter H. Monahan, 6 rear of 21 Walnut street, 82.85; Michael J. Nestor, 41 Union street, 81.20; George L. Hunt; 125 Stackpole street, 80.70; Thomas A. McNamara, 37 Stackpole street, 77.65; James J. K[illegible], 51 Second Avenue, 77.65; Jeremiah F. [illegible]nnors, 21 Richmond street, 76.90; Eneas A. O'Malley, [illegible] Bachman street, 75.15; James A. Whi[illegible] Andrews street, 72.70.

BACK TO RUSSIA

Unhappy Beatrice Binge Wants to Go Home

Mrs. Beatrice Bingel, wife of Andrew Bingel, who was arrested several weeks ago on a warrant charging him with assault and battery on Beatrice with a strap to which was attached a heavy buckle, called at the police station this forenoon looking for assistance. She wants to go back to her home in Russia. Mrs. Bingel is in a delicate condition and she is without means.

Secretary Courtney of the overseers of the poor and Mr. Stion, the Polish interpreter, interested themselves in her case and communicated with Probation Officer Ramsay of the superior court to learn the status of Andrew Bingel's case.

In the lower court Andrew was convicted of assault and battery on his wife and was sentenced to five months in the house of correction. He appealed and was ordered for the superior court. He went to the superior court and it seems that no final action was taken in his case. While the case was pending, it is alleged, Bingel placed his bank books, representing the amount of his bail, in the hands of his bondsman and flew the coop.

Beatrice does not know where her husband is at the present time. She says that his brother knows but refuses to tell. For the last few weeks Beatrice has been employed in a mill, in Nashua. If she fails to secure money enough to take her to Russia she will be sent to the state hospital at Tewksbury.

POOR OVERSEERS

HEARING NEXT WEEK ON BILL TO ABOLISH THEM.

The hearing on the petition to the legislature for the abolition of the board of overseers of the poor will be held in this city next week, probably on Friday evening.

PIANO RECITAL

By Pupils of Miss White Last Evening

The pupils of Miss Caroline White gave a brilliant recital in Colonial hall last evening, their program being one of the most excellent ever presented at a local musicale.

The following pupils took part: Miss Ouida Bissonette, Miss Ethel Church, Miss Laura Herrig, Miss Helen Mitchell, Miss Elsie Umpleby and Miss Lily White. They were assisted by Miss Laura Herrig and Mr. Philippe Leveille, violinists, pupils of Mr. Emile C. Lavigeur, and by Miss White herself.

Mendelssohn, Overture.....Ruy Blas
Misses Umpleby, L. White, Pfte I.
Misses Mitchell, C. White, Pfte. II.
Singing ..... Frühlingrauschen
Miss Herrig.
Schumann .....Vogels al's Prophet
Greig .....Elfentanz. Arietta
Miss Church.
Wienawski ..... Legende
Mr. Leveille.
Chopin.....Nocturne Op. 9, No. 2
Miss Bissonette.
Sawyer .....Novelette
Miss Church.
Nieuxtemps....Fantaisie; I. Lombardi
Miss Herrig.
Reinhold .....Impromptu
Miss Bissonette.
Chopin .....Ballade III.
Miss Herrig.
Berceuse ..... Chopin
Chaminade .....Arlequine
Schumann .....Des Abenda
Schubert-Tausig.....Marche Militaire
Miss Caroline White.

The work of the pupils demonstrated convincingly not only their own fine talent but the rare ability of their teacher and each number was a gem. Seldom do amateur players exhibit work of such a high technical order as that presented last evening and the many musical critics in the audience were most enthusiastic in their praise. Miss Edith Baker and Miss Inez Turnbull were the ushers and Miss Irene W. A. Parthenais and Miss Florence Clark distributed programs.

100 TO 1 SHOT

ANNUAL COURSING RACE FURNISHED A SURPRISE.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 17—In the annual coursing race for the Waterloo cup at Altcar today, W. H. Pawson's pistol Y. won, defeating Prince Plausible in the final, altogether 128 dogs were entered. Pistol Y being considered to be an outsider. The betting last night in the draw for heats was 100 to 1 against Pistol Y.

LYNCH HAS SORE KNEE.

Dan Lynch of the Amesbury basket ball team is nursing a sore knee which will keep him out of the game for a week or more. George O'Loughlin, captain and manager of the Shawlights will take his place on the Amesbury team and will start in tonight at Newburyport. O'Loughlin is a speedy player and will undoubtedly make good. He played in the Connecticut league and made a name for himself.

CASTORIA
For Infants and Children.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher

CHICHESTER'S ENGLISH
PENNYROYAL PILLS
Original and Only Genuine. SAFE. Always reliable. Ladies, ask Druggist for CHICHESTER'S ENGLISH in RED and Gold metallic boxes, sealed with Blue Ribbon. Take no other. Refuse Dangerous Substitutions and Imitations. Buy of your Druggist, or send 4c. in stamps for Particulars, Testimonials and "Relief for Ladies," in letter, by return Mail. 10,000 Testimonials. Sold by all Druggists. Chichester Chemical Co. Mention this paper. Madison Square, PHILA., PA.

FOLEY'S KIDNEY CURE
Makes Kidneys and Bladder Right

J·L·CHALIFOUX
49 to 59 CENTRAL ST.

WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT

EARLY SPRING WAISTS

A waist is almost the first new spring garment the average woman thinks of buying, so in anticipation of your desires, we'ue insisted on early shipments. As a result, we're now ready with the latest creations for spring.

Spring Waists, made of black and white and all white mercerized madras and white lawns, with broad pleats, full fronts, leg of mutton sleeves and fancy stock collar **98c**

Spring Waists, made of fancy white stripe P. K. and fine mercerized madras, with fine lace and embroidered trimmings and insertions, full pleats and leg of mutton sleeves . . . **$1.50**

Spring Waists, made of white lawn and fine linen, with embroidered front and trimmings, full sleeves, pleated back and front . . . **$2.00**

Spring Waists, pure linen waists in white only, trimmed with pleats in front and back, full sleeves and newest style stock and cuffs . . . **$2.50**

LATEST

AID WAS REFUSED

Gripenberg Says He Could Have Defeated Japs

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 17.—The arrival in St. Petersburg of General Gripenberg, former commander of the Second Manchurian army, who reached here at midnight, has caused a good deal of a sensation, in military circles. The general frankly avows that he relinquished his command after the recent attempt of the Russians to flank Field Marshal Oyama, because, as he claims, General Kuropatkin refused to send him help when victory was in Gen. Gripenberg's hands instead of ordering the latter to withdraw. General Gripenberg will personally report on the situation to emperor Nicholas. It is too early to say what the result will be although it is evident that Kuropatkin's enemies are pushing their campaign against him. It is only fair to Kuropatkin to say that his friends claim that Kuropatkin's side of the story that he only intended to make a demonstration in force and that Grippenberg pressed the attack too far and became too much involved.

In an interview, Gripenberg said:

"I am glad to give an account of the battle of my army, the telegrams I have seen being far from the truth. Kuropatkin of course authorized the advance but he imposed the condition that it should not go beyond Helkoutal and Sandepas. My plan was to capture Helkoutal and thence outflank Sandepas. From the first army corps before Helkoutal I detached a brigade which occupied Helkoutal January 25. The Japanese cut in from the south and the brigade came under a cross fire but held out until I got up another brigade to cover its retreat. The Japanese were now concentrating on their left. During the evening of January 25, I and my army were ordered under no circumstances to fall back from our positions. The next morning, my whole front was engaged, the troops being disposed, as follows:

"On the extreme right, the first corps. Then the first Rifle Corps and the fifth division of the Second Corps, which had just arrived from Russia.

"Altogether I had 62 battalions. The enemy had twice as many.

"The battle of January 26 was continued until evening. We did not surrender an inch of ground. My left flank, which was clearing the road to Sandepas being weak, I asked the commander-in-chief, who had 60 battalions available, for re-inforcements. He declined to send any, apparently taking the Japanese demonstration at the centre as being a general advance. Nevertheless I decided to storm Helkoutal the next day. All the surrounding villages were already in our hands.

"Early January 27, the fiercest fighting occurred. We again held our own. The road to Sandepas, the Japanese point of concentration, was quite clear of the enemy. I therefore again appealed to the commander in chief for re-inforcements. The Japanese being menaced by a strong force of Russian cavalry from the south and southwest evidently realized the danger of tackling us. In desperation, January 28, they four times desperately assaulted our outer positions and were beaten off each time in such brilliant fashion that it does my heart good to remember the gallantry of my brave comrades. I might easily have followed up these repulses by a headlong offensive but I was tied down by the commander in chief's restrictions and his refusal to send me reinforcements. How anxiously I awaited a reply on both subjects. Just think of what victory meant.

"Complete victory was in our grap. The loss of thousands of lives was not dreadful before such circumstances.

"The reply of Gen. Kuropatkin arrived at 7 o'clock in the evening, in the shape of an order to leave a small force in our positions and move up the army to his support in view of the expected Japanese advance on the centre. How was it possible for the Japanese to attack the centre when all their available forces were diverted west?

"It is impossible to describe the impression produced upon me by the order. At first I was afraid to communicate it to my victorious army but there was nothing else to do. We retreated during the night of January 29, with tears in our eyes and bitterness in our hearts. It was then that I decided that my presence at the seat of war was no longer possible and the next day I handed in a report to the commander in chief demanding my relief."

WIFE'S SISTER

Carson Has Eloped With Her

MILFORD, N. H., Feb. 17.—The little town of Mont Vernon, five miles from here, has ben stirred up by the departure last Friday of Fred E. Carson with his wife's sister, Miss Maude Gertrude Richardson, a 15-year-old school girl.

Carson, who is 23 years old, was married two years ago and has made his home with his father-in-law, William E. Richardson, who lives outside the village of Mont Vernon. Carson's attentions to Maude caused an estrangement between himself and his wife, and of late he has not lived much at home.

Maude attended school in the village, and last Friday she sent a note home to her parents saying that she was going to stay over Sunday with her aunt in Mont Vernon. On Friday Carson hired a livery rig in Milford, drove to Mont Vernon, met Maude on the street, took her into the sleigh, and they drove to Milford. That was the last seen of them. It is supposed they went to Boston.

Chief of Police Dodge of Milford is sending out circulars giving a description of the pair and calling for Carson's arrest on the charge of abduction. Carson is described as being 5 feet 6 or 7 inches tall, weighing 140 pounds, having light hair and blue eyes and a sandy mustache, and was wearing a black suit. One of his physical peculiarities is that he has five perfectly developed fingers and a thumb on one hand. Maude is the same height as Carson, but she weighs 160 pounds and has black hair and black eyes.

STRIKERS BITTER

CANNOT OBTAIN PROVISIONS ON CREDIT.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 17—Minister of the interior Bouligan has ordered all governors of provinces not to leave their posts at present.

The managers of the Poutiloff Iron Works, announce, that as the men have not returned to work, they will not be further supplied with provisions on credit from the company's store shops until work is resumed. This means that over 10,000 persons will henceforth be deprived of the means of obtaining food. The decision has caused intense bitterness among the strikers.

MORRIS PARK

GETS NO DATES FROM JOCKEY CLUB.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Assignment of dates by the Jockey club, to local tracks, just announced includes no time for Morris Park and it is understood that a narrangement has been reached over that part of the local racing situation which has been bothering eastern turfmen. Some time ago it was reported that Aqueduct track would be sold to a syndicate and its dates transferred to Morris Park, where it had been expected last season there would be no more racing and that time would thus be made open for the new Belmont Park track on Long Island.

However, dates have now been assigned for Aqueduct and for the Westchester Racing association, which will control the new track and no time has been given Morris Park. No official explanation has been given but it is understood on good authority that the club controlling Morris Park has assigned its lease to some of the others who will pay $25,000 a year and close its gates.

NEW TREATMENT

HAS BEEN FOUND FOR CEREBRO SPINAL MENINGITIS.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17—Tests and experiments conducted at Gouverneur hospital on patients suffering from cerebro spinal meningitis have led the doctors there to the belief that a new and successful treatment for the dread disease has been found. The mortality of meningitis has always been high, especially among children and there has been no accepted method of treatment among medical men.

The new method consists of the injection of anti-toxin of diphtheria. Out of eight cases, five have been absolutely cured without any subsequent complications and two show improvement. The only uncertain case is that of a girl of 10, who was at the hospital 17 days before she was treated with the anti-toxin.

Particularly interesting were the cases of three brothers from nine to 14 years old. Another brother had died at home after an illness of two days. Eight thousand units of anti-toxin were given to each boy every 48 hours. Two of them are now entirely well and the third is rapidly improving.

FREDERICK COOK DEAD.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Feb. 17.—Frederick Cook, former secretary of state and one of the most prominent citizens in Western New York, died this morning. He was president of the German American bank and a director in many other corporations and institutions.

TRADE MARK DICKSON'S TEA STORE. REGISTERED

Presents for Everybody

Those Good Teas

that we have been telling you so much about are still sold by us. It is our business. Give us a chance to show you that we know it.

DICKSON'S TEA STORE 68 Merrimack St.

SHOT TO PIECES

Negro Had Assaulted a Woman

SMITHVILLE, Texas, Feb. 17.—A negro charged with criminally assaulting Mrs. Powell Tiffany, has been captured and shot to pieces by a mob. He was identified as the man wanted and made a full confession. He was run to earth at Upton, a small town about six miles from here. In his confession the negro implicated three others and it is also said that there are three women involved in the crime. Two of these persons have been arrested and the third is now being sought.

While searching for the negro the Smithville mob found hanging to a tree the body of the Mexican taken from officers at Dale and lynched.

NEW TREASURER

HIS NAME HAS NOT YET BEEN MADE KNOWN.

"The conveying of the property and the many details which must naturally result from such a big conveyance are taking up all of my time now," said Mr. Frank E. Dunbar, when asked if there was anything new relative to the Boott mill situation.

The name of the treasurer of the new company has not yet been made known. "I do not know, with any degree of certainty, who the new treasurer will be," said Mr. Dunbar. "It will not be Mr. Covel because he has his hands full at the Tremont & Suffolk and does not want to take the same position with the new Boott corporation. I still believe the mills will reopen a week from next Monday."

ROBBERS GOT $800

TWELVE MEN HELD UP IN CHICAGO OFFICE.

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—Twelve men have been held up by six armed robbers in the office of Max Mildenberg, proprietor of an electric light, oil and gasolene delivery, Clybourne place and Hawthorne street. The highwaymen fired several shots as they entered, wounding two persons. They knocked another unconscious with a blow from a revolver. They then took more than $800 and escaped.

STOCK MARKET

Today's Quotations on Active Stocks

The following are the closing quotations of today's stock market for active stocks:

NEW YORK STOCKS.

Am Sugar	143¾
Am Sugar pfd	139
A & T	87⅜
A & T pfd	102
*B & O	103¼
*B & O pfd	97
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	63½
Chi & Gt W	22⅞
C M St & P	175⅞
C R & P	34¾
C R & P pfd	81⅝
Con Gas	205
Del & Hud	171½
Erie R R	44
Erie 1st	80
Gen Elec	167
Manhat Con	172¾
Mo Kan & Tex	31½
Mo Kan & Tex pfd	65
Met St Ry	121⅝
Mis Pac	106⅞
N Y Cen	147¾
N Y Ont & W	61
Penn	139½
People's Gas	107¼
So Pac	67
Reading	91¾
Reading pfd	94
Reading 2d pfd	90½
Tex & Pac	36⅝
Union Pac	125¾
Union Pac pfd	98⅝
U S Steel	32⅛
U S Steel pfd	94½
Wabash	23
Wabash pfd	46¼
W U Telegraph	93¼
U S Leather	12¾
U S Leather pfd	105¾

BOSTON STOCKS.

Adventure	7
Amalgamated	74
American Wool	24¾
American Wool pfd	93¾
Am Tel & Tel	144
Arcadia	1¾
Atlantic	17¼
Anaconda	26½
Anaconda	106¼
Allouez	20⅞
B & Maine	177½
Bingham	32⅝
Boston	7⅛
Calumet & Hecla	690
Centennial	19½
Chicago Junction	73
Chicago Junction pfd	132
Copper Range	70⅞
Dom Steel	18½
Dom Coal	65¾
Dom Coal pfd	115
Daly-West	17¾
Elm River	2¾
Elevated	156¾
Fitchburg	144½
Franklin	11¼
Granby	5⅛
Greene	28
Mass	11¾
Mass Gas	44
Mass Gas pfd	82¾
Mass Electric	13½
Mass Electric pfd	57
Mayflower	1⅝
Mex Cen	22½
Michigan	13¼
M C & C	4½
Mohawk	53⅞
N E Tel	134
Osceola	92
N Y, N H & H R R	204½
Old Colony Mine	1¼
Old Colony R R	203
Old Dominion	26
Shannon	7½
Royal	26
Rhode Island	2
Tamarack	131
Parrott	29
Quincy	106
Santa Fe	2½
Trinity	10⅞
United States Oil	10
United States	24¾
Utah	41⅞
Victoria	5
Winona	12
Wolverine	119
Western Tel	21½
Western Tel pfd	103
West End	92
West End pfd	116
Wyandotte	1¾

*Ex-Dividend.

FUNERALS

BLINKHORN—The remains of the late Ellen Blinkhorn were consigned to their final resting place in the Catholic cemetery this morning. The funeral, which was largely attended by sorrowing relatives and friends of the deceased, took place from her late home, 45 Stanley street, at 8.30 o'clock and proceeded to St. Michael's church in Sixth street, where a high mass of requiem was celebrated at 9 o'clock by Rev. Dennis Murphy. The choir was in attendance and sang the Gregorian mass and during the service appropriate selections were rendered by the members of the choir.

There was a profusion of floral offerings in evidence showing the esteem in which the deceased was held by her many friends and acquaintances, the following being the most prominent: Pillow, bearing the inscription "Sister," from the family of the deceased; crescent and cross on base, bearing the inscription "Nellie," from the Mullen family, and Mr. and Mrs. John Povey; star on base, Nichols family; cross, inscribed "At Rest," Rose Ovington; wreath, Julia and Vera Henry; wreath, Delia Shield; large lyre, Morris family; basket, Kinlan family; basket, James L. McDonald; basket, Mary Keith; cross, Coffey brothers; cross, Lowell Packing & Provision company; wreath, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Riley; wreath on base, bearing the inscription "Sleeping," Kate Dolan, Julia Sullivan, Margaret Barry, Lizzie Freeman and Margaret Hanley; basket, Lizzie and Kittie Reynolds, and sprays from the following: Mary Costello, Vera McArdle, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Keith, Margaret Mullen, Mr. and Mrs. James Furlund, Jennie Donnelly, Garvy family, Mrs. McKennedy and family, Philip A. Donohoe, Collins & Gallagher, Edward Flynn, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reutmes and Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Cutter and Miss Sabina McQuenney of Nashua, N. H.

The bearers were Messrs. John J. Ingalls, James Reynolds, Edward Cooke, Joseph Coleman, John McArdle and Thomas J. Campbell.

The interment was in the Catholic cemetery where the committal prayers were read by Rev. Fr. Murphy. The funeral was under the direction of Funeral Directors James F. O'Donnell & Sons.

LABONNE—The funeral of the late David Labonne took place yesterday from his home 16 Carlton street. A solemn high mass was sung at St. Joseph's church. Rev. Fr. Lamothe, O. M. I., officiated, assisted by Rev. Fr. Desroches, O. M. I., as deacon, and Rev. Fr. Graton, O. M. I., as sub deacon.

The choir under the direction of Frank Gourdeau, sang Perreault's harmonized mass. Edouard Vincelette played the organ. The bearers were Onesime Roberge, Maurice Lambert, Edmond Charron, Joseph Landry, L. B. Carufel and Narcisse Ducharme. There were a number of beautiful floral offerings.

Burial was in the family lot in St. Joseph's cemetery, and Rev. Fr. Lamothe officiated at the grave. Undertaker Amedee Archambault had charge.

LUSSIER—The funeral of Mrs. Mathilde Lussier, widow of Louis Lussier, took place yesterday from her home in Chelmsford. Funeral was held at St. Joseph's church and Rev. Fr. Amyot, O. M. I., officiated. The bearers were Noe and Joseph Lussier, sons of the deceased; Ernest Simard, Jean B. Roberge, Alphonse Allan and Xavier Lussier. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery, and Undertaker Joseph Albert had charge.

KELLEY—The funeral of Miss Clara E. Kelley took place yesterday afternoon from the home of Charles D. Rollins, 5 Belmont street. Rev. J. M. Craig officiated and there was singing by Mrs. Jenkins and Mr. Hopkins. The bearers were C. L. Stevens, Charles T. Rollins, Mr. Challis and Royal Stevens. Burial was in the Edson cemetery. Undertakers Young & Co. had charge.

DONAHUE—The funeral of the late Mrs. Mary Donahue took place this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the funeral chapel of J. F. O'Donnell & Sons. The bearers were James Sheehan, Patrick Sullivan, John Shea, and Edward Riley. At the grave Rev. Fr. Callahan read the committal pdayers and the burial was in St. Patrick's cemetery under the direction of Undertakers James F. O'Donnell & Sons.

TEAGUE—The funeral of the late Thomas Teague took place this morning from the home of his parents, Joseph and Mary, No. 60 Pleasant street. The cortege proceeded to the Immaculate Conception church where at 9 o'clock a mass of requiem was celebrated. Rev. Fr. Sullivan officiated. The choir, under the direction of P. P. Haggerty sang the Gregorian mass an dduring services appropriate selections were rendered by various members of the choir. There was a profusion of beautiful floral tributes, among them being a large pillow inscribed "Our Tommy," from the family; wreath inscribed Tommy, from Mrs. William Morris; cross on base, inscribed "Cousin," from McIver family; horseshoe on base inscribed, from Kate and Rose Scully; anchor on base, from the Misses Susie McGirr, Hannah Fee and Katie Fee; spray, from Kate Donnelly; spray, from Mr. and Mrs. John Pinardy; spray, from Mary Richards and Margaret Kerr, and spray from Miss Mamie Wren. The bearers who were all companions of deceased were Charles Scully, Patrick Jewett, Paul Courser, George Morris, William Marren and William Shelvey. At the grave Rev. Fr. Sullivan read the committal prayers, and the burial was in St. Patrick's cemetery under the direction of Undertakers J. F. O'Donnell & Sons.

SCHOOL BURNED

FIRE CAUSED BY AN OVERHEATED FURNACE.

PLYMOUTH, Feb. 17—The Mount Pleasant school house was burned during the night, causing a loss of $10,000 with no insurance. As the building stood on top of a high hill the apparatus was unable to reach the scene in time to prevent its total destruction. The cause was an overheated furnace.

THE ROLLAWAY

Is the latest craze. If you have not tried the pleasure of roller skating, get into the sport. There is nothing more pleasant in the line of healthy exercise than skating.

Remember the Rollaway is over the Bowlaway Alleys, and is located in the O'Dowd Block, Hurd St.

Hennessey & Bunker PROPRIETORS.

HYPOLITE GIGNAC,

Prominent insurance man of the John Hancock company, has been presented a purse of money by his brother agents on the occasion of his 50th birthday. Mr. Gignac is still fresh and active, still writing policies and among the most popular insurance men.

ASKS REMOVAL

COUNCILMAN MAKES CHARGES AGAINST COMMISSIONER.

GLOUCESTER, Feb. 17.—Mayor MacDonald Wednesday sent to License Commissioner Henry E. Loundergan a letter inclosing the charges filed against him by Councilman P. M. Longan, and notifying him that he would be heard on them at the mayor's office, city hall, at 8 o'clock, Saturday evening, Feb. 25.

The charges as made by Councilman Longan, and indorsed, are as follows:

"To the Honorable George E. MacDonald, mayor of the City of Gloucester: Respectfully represents your petitioner that on Dec. 31, 1904, Henry E. Loundergan was duly appointed and qualified as a license commissioner and a member of the licensing board for the city of Gloucester, as contributed by the revised laws, chapter 100.

"Your petitioner represents that said Henry E. Loundergan is unqualified for said petition, and asks his removal for the following causes:

"First—That his ability, aptitude, habits, training and incapacity for public affairs, render him unfit to hold the position of license commissioner.

"Second—That the business and other relation which he bears and holds to a person holding a license for the sale of intoxicating liquors, and who is likely to apply for a license for the sale of intoxicating liquors, unfits and will unfit him to properly perform the duties of license commissioner.

"Third—That the relations which he bears and holds and is likely to bear and hold to another member of the licensing board, to wit, the relation of clerk and employe, unfits him to hold the position and properly perform the duties of license commissioner.

"Fourth—That the good of the public service, to wit, the administration of the police power, and the administration and supervision over persons holding licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the city of Gloucester, requires that he should not act as license commissioner.

"Fifth—That the manner and purpose of his appointment was a scandal, and the interest of the public service requires his removal and that he should not act as license commissioner."

ST. ANTHONY'S BAZAAR

SEVERAL IMPORTANT CONTESTS TO BE DECIDED.

Tomorrow night will mark the close of the second week of the bazaar in aid of St. Anthony's church. Tonight the entertainment will be given by members of the Mathow Temperance Institute and a fine program has been arranged. Tomorrow afternoon a special attraction will be provided for the children and Saturday night the stage performance will be one of unusual merit.

The contest for a banner which is being waged by the three Portuguese societies will be decided Monday night and on next Thursday evening the winner of the grand piano will be announced.

The contestants are Frank Mello, Manuel Aguiar, Catherine Barnes and Lillian O'Hare.

It is expected that the attendance at the bazaar from now out will be very large. Rev. Fr. Rosa is working hard to make the affair a success and the assistance of his many friends throughout the city will be a great factor in achieving the results desired, and also will be appreciated. There are many beautiful articles on the different tables and visitors to the bazaar will be amply repaid for the time spent there.

DEATHS

HEROUX—Joseph Heroux died early yesterday at his residence, 183 Cheever street, aged 68 years, 9 months. He had lived 19 years in Lowell, and was a member of the Holy Family and Propagation of Faith sodalities of St. Joseph's parish. He leaves a wife, two sons, Cleophas Heroux of this city, and Ludger Heroux of Canada; and five daughters, Mrs. Aristide Bourgeault, Mrs. J. B. Langlois, Clorilda and Marie Heroux, all of this city, and Mrs. Louis Belanger of Canada.

HEALEY—Mrs. Julia Healey, widow of the late Cornelius Healey, died in Lawrence yesterday, after an illness of a few days. She came to this country from Ireland in 1882, and has a number of relatives and friends living in Lowell. She is survived by four daughters and one son, John Healey of this city. The funeral will be held on Saturday, in Lawrence.

LESSARD—Miss Celina Lessard, aged 15 years, 8 months, died yesterday morning at her residence, 22 Coolidge street, of consumption. She leaves a father, Vital Lessard, two sisters, Mrs. Napoleon Champagne of this city, and Mrs. Christos Paraskevas of Peabody, and one brother, France Lessard of Canada.

DEZIEL—Anna Deziel, aged four days, child of Arthur and Anna, died yesterday at the home of her parents, 119 Ford street.

MORRISSETTE—Joseph, infant son of Joseph E. and Laura Morrissette, died yesterday at the home of his parents, 83 Dalton street.

THE FINGER PRINT

Leads to the Identification of Criminals

Supt. William H. Moffatt, of the police department of this city, is one of the leading exponents of the finger print system for the detection of criminals in this section of the country. The superintendent has studied the system in its different details and has delivered many interesting addresses to police and detective gatherings on the subject. The finger print system by its many peculiarities is away ahead of any system ever adopted by any police department, for while the Bertillon system has proved wonderful in the capture of criminals, it cannot be compared with the new system.

As William A. Pinkerton, head of the western branch of the Pinkerton Detective agency said: "A criminal may shave or grow his beard, become stout or thin, alter his appearance to a considerable extent, but the one constant factor in his make up is his finger print." Then again while it may seem strange there are no two finger prints that are alike.

Supt. Moffatt is now one of the leaders in an attempt to have a bill for the establishment of a home office for the finger print system in this state passed through the legislature.

Every day the departments that have adopted the finger print system are finding new and interesting developments.

The following interview given to a reporter by William A. Pinkerton, head of the western branch of the Pinkerton Detective Agency, who returned to America last Sunday after a visit to the Scotland yards is very interesting and shows the good qualities of the system.

"It is twelve years ago since I was in England," said William A. Pinkerton, "but in that time I was astonished at the progress Scotland Yard has made. We in America believe we are progressive and up to date, but, make no mistake, there are no modern methods of capturing and identifying criminals that Scotland Yard doesn't investigate and, if they are worth anything, adopt at once. There is no red tape, no delay about taking on something that will improve the efficiency of the service.

"The one thing at the Yard which interested me the most was the high state of efficiency which the finger-print system of identification had reached. The Bureau of Finger-prints there is one of the most marvelous departments I have ever examined. The identification of criminals has been reduced to practically a matter of bookkeeping. You get a finger-print and then simply turn up your indexes and you know your man at once.

"A criminal may shave or grow his beard, become stout or thin, alter his appearance to a considerable extent, but the one constant factor in his make-up is his finger-prints. They never change, in fact the only safe way for criminals nowadays is to wear gloves when they go out on a job, for the impressions of the fingers are found by the detectives on glasses, on newspapers, on dusty tables—in fact, the slightest impression of the fingers upon even a damp table or paper can by the process in use at the Yard serve as an adequate means of identification.

"One imagines that the romantic days of a detective's calling have passed, but with this finger-print system the romance is far greater, far subtler, far more scientific and intellectual than it ever was.

"Let me illustrate how easy it is to secure a finger-print."

The reporter was sitting at a table when Mr. Pinkerton said: "Kindly pass me that glass." As he took it in his hand Mr. Pinkerton said:

"The impression your fingers made in passing that glass to me is sufficient for Scotland Yard to secure by the application of chemicals finger-prints that will forever identify you.

"A more wonderful instance. Some time ago there was a jewel robbery at Windsor. No adequate description of the thief was obtained, but a cabby remembered driving a man late at night from the vicinity where the robbery had been committed. The detectives searched the cab and found a discarded newspaper. To the naked eye there was nothing on the paper. But upon the application of chemicals a finger-print of the man who held the paper was developed and it proved to be that of a well-known burglar. He was arrested and confessed to the crime and was given a long sentence.

"I could recount numerous other instances equally astounding."

Supt. Moffatt recently received from Scotland yards a paper containing the enlarged photograph of finger marks on a pane of glass, and the following extract from the London Daily Press of Sept. 23d:

At the Mansion house, William Simpson, 20, a clerk, was charged with breaking and entering the warehouse of Messrs. Ward, Lock & Co., publishers, Salisbury square, and with a burglary on the premises of the London city mission in Bridewell place.

About 5 o'clock on the morning of the 10th inst. a constable heard sounds of breaking glass proceeding from Messrs. Ward, Lock & Co.'s warehouse and saw the prisoner on the low roof of an adjoining building, trying to escape. With assistance the constable secured him.

When arrested he said: "All right; I suppose I am done; the faulight was not large enough to get through with the portmanteau and other things, and I had to break it. There is a disadvantage in working single handed." On him were found a life preserver and a chisel, and four towels were tied around his waist. A portmanteau, containing 67 new books, had been packed ready for removal.

Early on the morning of the 6th inst. the caretaker at the head office of the London city mission was aroused by the police, who saw that a window on the second floor had been broken, and it was found that the premises had been easily entered from the adjoining building, and that a clock had been taken from the secretary's office and a mirror and other articles from another room. The clock was pawned in Whitchapel the same day by a man who gave his name as Simpson.

A city of London police officer stated that noticing finger marks on some pieces of broken glass he had them taken to Scotland Yard. Impressions of the prisoner's fingers were obtained while he was in prison on the other charge, and a witness from the finger print department, New Scotland yard, informed the court that the finger print on the glass was that of the right forefinger of the prisoner Simpson—at the same time producing photographic enlargements of the impressions. On this evidence the prisoner was committed for trial at the central criminal court, where he pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to twelve months hard labor.

HYDE WINS OUT

He Had the Directors With Him

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—James W. Alexander and James H. Hyde were re-elected president and first vice president, respectively, of the Equitable Life Assurance society at the adjourned meeting of the directors yesterday. All the other officers whose terms had expired were re-elected.

A resolution was adopted recommending that policy holders be given the right to vote for directors and a committee, which includes President Alexander and Vice President Hyde, was appointed to carry out this step, which is practically the policy of mutualization advocated by President Alexander.

The results outlined were reached after a protracted session which was marked at times by considerable feeling. Friends of Vice President Hyde were disposed to view the outcome as a victory for their side, but in other quarters the result was regarded as a general compromise, in which the contending factions met half way.

That Mr. Hyde had a majority of the directors with him, however, was never in doubt. His election to the chairmanship of the executive and finance committees was regarded as significant in this connection.

"We have settled all differences and healed all wounds," said Mr. Hyde after the meeting. "Every one of us from my superior, Mr. Alexander, down to the humblest subordinate, is now pulling together. We are in complete accord."

Yesterday's solution of the society's troubles was largely due, it is understood, to the conciliatory methods employed by Senator Depew and Jacob H. Schiff. Contrary to report, Mr. Schiff had not arrayed himself on either side, and was among those who favored mutualization.

A committee was appointed to arrange a plan by which policy holders may vote for directors and also the formulation of a plan of "indemnification of stockholders," and it is to report on both questions not later than April 12 next.

Both President Alexander and Vice President Hyde are members of the committee.

WILL SPEND $27,000,000.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 17.—The Pennsylvania railroad will buy new equipments costing not less than $23,000,000 this year for its lines east and west of Pittsburg and if the entire program is carried out as arranged, the cost will be $27,000,000.

REAL ESTATE SALES

FOR THE WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 16, 1905.

LOWELL.

Benjamin Shepherd to James R. Shepherd land with buildings on Andrews st. $1.

Abner A. Jewett to Frank E. Jewett land with buildings on Middlesex, Smith, Hubbard, Frye, and Lundberg sts. $1.

Edwin S. Bigelow Est. to Joseph D. A. Healy several parcels on Parkeview Ave., $1.

Frederick J. Sullivan to William J. Sullivan land with buildings on Bowers st.

Elizabeth T. Barry to William J. Sullivan land with buildings on Bowers st. $1.

Salimo Roussel to Charles J. D'Avignon et al, Gershom Ave., $1.

George D. Kimball to Nellie B. Pratt, Pratt Ave., $1.

Nellie B. Pratt to George D. Kimball, Pratt Ave., $1.

Herbert A. Merrill to Ethel M. Abare, Fifth st. $1.

Katherine E. Callahan to Joseph A. Plon, Ennell st. $1.

CHELMSFORD.

Charles McConnell est. to Lindsey K. Foster land with buildings on River Road, $1.

BILLERICA.

Lewis W. Holden to John B. Rosatto land on Allen Road, $1.

BILLERICA AND CHELMSFORD.

Prince Smith to George Suttle, land on Amherst street and Billerica road, $1.00.

DRACUT.

Alme Gauthier and Alberto Smithson to Catherine Cote, three lots on plan of Milton Fox, $1.00.

DUNSTABLE.

Franklin Worster to George W. Pierce, land on Pleasant street, $1.00.

TEWKSBURY.

Emelia Frost to Christina Streckwold, land on Pine and Chandler streets, $1.00.

Emelia Frost to Lewis E. Small, land on Pine street, $1.00.

WESTFORD.

Mary Guiney to Frank A. Judd, et al. on Forge Pond, $1.00.

WILMINGTON.

Henry Hiller at al. to Friendship Lodge of Free Masons, Church street, $1.00.

Jonathan Carter to Caleb S. Harriman trustee, land on Lubbers Brook, $1.00.

Jacob W. Wilbur to Maria Clericuzio, land on Dewey avenue, $1.00.

DUN'S REPORT.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Dispatches to the Dun's Review from branch offices of R. G. Dun & Co., located at the leading cities, indicate that the chief drawback to trade lies in the protracted cold and stormy weather. Boston reports that the late trade in heavy wearing apparel is helped by the weather and textile mills are busy, with prospects generally brighter.

Bank exchanges this week at all leading cities of the United States.

EVERYBODY USES SPOONS

ONE DOZEN TIPPED SPOONS—TEA, TABLE OR DESSERT—GIVEN AWAY WITH ONE POUND OF TEA.

227 Central St. O'Brien Bros TEA DEALERS 227 Central St.

THE FINAL GAME

Lowell Wins It From Haverhill

SHAWLIGHTS CHALLENGE IS TAKEN UP

The Series Between Lowell and Natick

The final league game of the season to be played in this city was won by Lowell last night. The Haverhill team seemed slow in comparison with their work on former occasions, and Gray's men were on their mettle at all times and showed speed that brought out applause from the five hundred spectators present.

Wachter was in the visitors lineup for a few moments and then he withdrew and saw the game from the bleachers. Getzinger threw some pretty baskets and led both teams in this work. Matthews had four to his credit while his opponent, Rucky Low, was content with a single score made on a pretty throw from the center.

The team work of Lowell was superb and this accounts for the victory which was the sixth in succession for the home team. Ike Loos did clever work in breaking up the play of the visiting team and his brother Billy and Leighton were there with the goods all the time.

During the evening Manager Gray was informed that a local team called the Shawlights was throwing out challenges right and left to the New England league teams with the exception of Natick. The manager said that if they really wanted to play a fast team he would accept the challenge and further agree to defeat the Shawlights, provided, however, that only Lowell men represent them, and the old Burke team the same night or forfeit all claim to the gate receipts. He will also play the old Burke team and allow them to have Fogarty and Hough.

The question whether or not the Lowell-Natick series will be played will be decided tonight when the managers of the two teams will meet in Natick.

LOWELL—37	24—HAVERHILL.
Matthews lf	rb Low
Leighton rf	lb Haggerty
Getzinger c	c Wachter, Kennedy
W. Loos lb	rf Kennedy, Doyle
I. Loos rb	lf Williamson

Won by	Scored by	Score
Lowell	Leighton	2—0
Lowell	Matthews	4—0
Lowell	Leighton	6—0
Lowell	Getzinger	8—0
Lowell	Getzinger	10—0
Haverhill	Third foul	11—0
Lowell	Matthews	13—0
Lowell	Getzinger	15—0
Lowell	Leighton	17—0
Lowell	Third foul	17—1
Lowell	Getzinger	19—1
Haverhill	Kennedy	19—3
Lowell	Matthews	21—3

SECOND PERIOD.

Haverhill	Doyle	21—5
Lowell	Third foul	21—6
Haverhill	Haggerty	21—8
Haverhill	Doyle	21—10
Haverhill	Third foul	12—10
Lowell	Getzinger	21—10
Haverhill	Doyle	21—12
Lowell	Getzinger	23—12
Haverhill	Low	23—14
Lowell	Getzinger	25—14
Lowell	Getzinger	29—14

THIRD PERIOD.

Haverhill	Kennedy	30—16
Haverhill	Doyle	34—18
Lowell	Matthews	37—18
Lowell	Third foul	37—19
Haverhill	Third foul	33—19
Lowell	Leighton	35—19
Haverhill	Kennedy	35—21
Lowell	Leighton	37—21
Lowell	Third foul	37—22
Haverhill	Williamson	37—24

Summary: Score—Lowell 37, Haverhill 24. Goals by—Getzinger 8, Leighton 5, Matthews 4, Doyle 4, Kennedy 3, Haggerty, Low, Williamson. Points on fouls—Lowell 3, Haverhill 4. Referee—Conners. Timers—Gray and Follinsby. Attendance—400.

PORTSMOUTH 29, NEWBURYPORT 9

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Feb. 17.—In the New England league basketball last evening, Portsmouth defeated Newburyport 29 to 9. Healey, Glon and Henschel were the stars. The summary:

PORTSMOUTH	NEWBURYPORT
Healey lf	rb H. Sheridan
Enos rf	lb Cragen
Horan c	c W. Sheridan
Glon lb	rf Davey
Henschel rb	lf Punch

Score—Portsmouth 29, Newburyport 9. Goals from floor—Enos 6, Henschel 3, Glon 2, Horan, Healey, W. Sheridan, Punch, Cragen, Davey. Points from fouls—Portsmouth 3, Newburyport. Referee—Kelleher. Timers—White and Lambert. Time—Three 15m periods. Attendance—400.

BASKETBALL NOTES.

That was a great basket of Buckey Low's. He dribbled the ball the entire length of the hall and then tossed it in.

A pretty girl in the gallery evidently liked Haggerty for every time he scored she applauded vigorously.

Dan Lynch and Mike Qualey occupied seats on the bleachers last night and applauded the good plays of both teams.

Owing to injuries, Mike Qualey and Frank Devlin will not be in the Amesbury lineup tonight at Newburyport. Their places will be filled by Skip Fields and Henry Tighe of this city.

"Al" Belanger, formerly captain of the Shawlights, but now captain of the Ashland, N. H., basketball team, is making a great name for himself in that New Hampshire town. He leads the league in baskets from the floor and is recognized as the star of the league. In the Ashland-Brewster game, Wednesday night, "Al" tossed the ball into the basket eight times, despite the strenuous efforts of his opponent to prevent him from scoring. Ashland won by the score of 47 to 30.

Don't have a heater put in your house until you have seen our line—the finest display of Boilers and Furnaces in Lowell.

CARROLL BROS.

Telephone 640 36 Middle St.

Pin your Faith to

Harry Richardson's Malt Graham BREAD

It Makes the Weak Strong

COURT SALARIES

May be Adjusted After Census

BOSTON, Feb. 17.—By a vote of 67 to 53 the Massachusetts house yesterday agreed to the substitution for an adverse report of the committee on taxation of a bill to exempt from taxation property of veterans of the civil war to the amount of $2000. Under the present law veterans are so exempted who have lost an eye, an arm or leg and the proposed law seeks to exempt veterans who have become incapacitated for labor to a similar degree.

Mr. Weeks of Everett, who made the motion to substitute the bill, spoke at length in support of the measure. He argued that a veteran physically incapacitated subsequent to the war was entitled to relief just as much as was the soldier injured in actual war.

The bill was then substituted on a rising vote, 67 to 53.

Mr. Barrett of Cambridge moved to substitute for the report of the committee on public service leave to withdraw his petition to provide that all appointive county employes be placed under the civil service laws and rules.

After a sharp debate Mr. Barrett moved to recommend the bill, but this was lost, as was also his motion to substitute. The report of the committee was then accepted.

The following bills were reported: Giving the metropolitan park commissioners power to construct roads and parkways across railroads; to provide for a readjustment of the salaries of the justices, clerks and assistant clerks of district, police and municipal courts after the taking of the next census; to authorize the city of Beverly to issue $100,000 bonds for water supply.

The following committee reported leave to withdraw on these petitions: On insurance, petition of Simon Swift to prohibit procuring insurance on property for more than its assessed valuation; on public lighting, petition of J. A. Hedin for free competition in the business of furnishing gas; of A. J. Johnson for the dissolution of the charter of the Haverhill Gas Securities company, and of the same to repeal the charter of the Haverhill Gas Light company.

LEPER CURED

HAS BEEN DISCHARGED FROM THE CAMP.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Feb. 17.—For the first time in the history of leprosy cases in the United States, and probably in the world, physicians here say a leper has been discharged as permanently cured, from the Louisiana lepers' camp near here. The patient is a young man of 28 who had been at the camp 15 years.

Y. M. C. I. MEETING.

The members of the Y. M. C. I. of Belvidere met in regular session last night, the meeting being called to order by President Hogan. Eight propositions for membership were received while seven new members were admitted. The literary committee reported that on next Thursday evening J. Joseph Hennessey, a member of the institute, would address the members on "Friendship".

Sunday, Feb. 26, will be the quarterly communion Sunday of the young men when the usual large attendance of members is expected. Breakfast will be served in the rooms for the members immediately following the 7.30 o'clock mass at the Immaculate Conception church.

DIED ON OPERATING TABLE

LAWRENCE, Feb. 17.—Mrs. Minnie Kimball Cole, wife of J. Newton Cole of Andover, died at the General hospital yesterday while undergoing an operation. She did not "come out" of the ether. She was about 40 years of age and one of the best known women in Andover. She was treasurer of the Free Christian church and president of the Ladies' Benevolent society of the church. Her husband and two children, Marion and Harold C., survive her.

ON THE ALLEYS

THE WONDERS DEFEATED THE BOWLAWAYS.

Welch's Wonders met the Bowlaways on the Bowlaway alleys last night and defeated the latter team by the narrow margin of ten pins. The first string resulted in a tie between the two teams while the Wonders carried the second string off by nine pins and the last one by one pin. Dickey of the defeated team worked his left hand with good effect and managed to be high man with a three string total of 512, but Dave Donaldson's single of 194 was the best single made during the evening. The only other man besides Dickey who was in the 500 class was Tom Atkinson of the Wonders. The game was a close and well contested one and it was anybody's game up to the time the last ball was rolled down the alley. The score:

BOWLAWAY.

	1	2	3	T'l
Houston	145	172	167	484
Lawrence	107	168	115	390
Sheldon	122	119	151	392
Dickey	166	168	178	512
Devlin	159	137	151	447
Totals	699	764	762	2225

WONDERS.

Welch	127	144	133	404
Atkinson	171	184	145	500
Burns	141	149	136	426
Donaldson	130	125	194	449
Maher	130	171	175	476
Totals	699	773	783	2235

PRINT WORKS LEAGUE.

Team three of the Merrimack Print Works league defeated team one by a score of 1264 to 1222 on the Bowlaway alleys last night. Campbell of team three was high man. The score:

TEAM 1.

	1	2	3	T'l
Harrington	81	77	86	244
Rourke	82	78	82	242
MacAdam	86	89	90	265
Grunfold	85	75	82	242
Nolan	75	76	78	229
Totals	409	395	418	1222

TEAM 3.

Haworth	83	82	75	240
Mosher	75	89	77	241
McAdam	78	97	86	261
Buchanan	82	86	84	252
Campbell	88	101	81	270
Totals	406	455	403	1264

MERCANTILE LEAGUE.

McKinley's Pets defeated the Lincoln Square Grocers by a score of 1296 to 1242 on the Bowlaway alleys last night. The score:

McKINLEY PETS.

	1	2	3	T'l
Roy	83	81	85	249
R. McKenzie	80	86	92	258
Short	81	72	101	254
E. McKinley	77	90	88	255
Marsden	84	86	110	280
Totals	405	415	476	1296

LINCOLN SQ. GROCERS.

Snowman	88	84	82	254
Smart	75	71	77	223
Webb	83	85	79	247
Stearns	78	77	81	[illegible]
Kennedy	96	93	95	279
Totals	420	410	413	1242

SIX HANDED GAME.

Hamilton's Pets and Collins' Colts played a six handed game on the Bowlaway alleys last night with the result that the Pets were 26 to the good at the end of the game. Rudden of the Colts was high man. The score:

HAMILTON PETS.

	1	2	3	T'l
Hamilton	84	70	80	234
Webb	80	85	71	245
Harrison	74	87	85	246
Mills	82	78	83	243
Scholes	69	74	70	213
Gotting	78	70	79	227
Totals	467	464	468	1399

COLLINS' COLTS.

Collins	95	78	77	250
Shaw	72	81	72	225
Southam	57	91	69	217
Rudden	79	76	96	253
Charles	66	67	65	198
Humphriss	83	85	69	230
Totals	452	480	441	1373

GLENMORES WON.

The Glenmores defeated the Soft Soap club by a score of 1927 to 1859 on the Bowlaway alleys last night. The feature of the game was the high rolling of Barrows of the winning team. The score:

SOFT SOAP CLUB.

	1	2	3	T'l
Page	170	79	115	364
Powers	80	126	107	313
Broadbent	98	136	98	332
Fields	153	145	122	420
Carr	145	129	146	420
Totals	626	615	618	1859

GLENMORES.

Clark	133	143	121	395
McKidder	128	126	132	386
S. Willis	126	115	127	368
Happy	134	111	131	376
Barrows	138	169	147	454
Totals	658	653	658	1927

Y. M. C. A. BOX BALL.

In one of the warmest games thus far in the Y. M. C. A. box ball tournament the Dromedaries defeated the Porcupines by 20 pins last night. In the first two strings the totals were very close but in the last the Dromedaries pulled away ahead of their opponents and won the game. The Porcupines meet the Dromedaries tomorrow night in the thirteenth contest of the series, after which there remains only ten games to be played. The score:

DROMEDARIES.

	1	2	3	T'l
A. Myrick	153	128	141	422
H. Macdonald	130	122	136	388
F. L. Ginty	121	129	113	363
W. H. Quinlan	108	120	121	349
C. Johnson	107	116	143	366
Totals	619	615	664	1888

PORCUPINES.

J. Macdonald	114	118	156	388
M. Johnston	137	125	113	380
A. Patrick	135	134	135	404
C. McHugh	111	128	115	354
W. E. Coulter	126	121	95	342
Totals	623	626	619	1868

Spares—Myrick 2, M. Johnston, Coulter, H. Macdonald, J. Macdonald, Patrick.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

The Merrimack

WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT.

FURS at HALF PRICE

For the next few days you will have a chance at every piece of fur left in this store at just one-half the first price.

There are 35 Neck Pieces and 3 Muffs—priced at $5 up to $27.50. These you can choose at just half price, $2.50 to $13.75.

There are Fur Scarfs and Boas of Isabella Fox, Marten, Sable Fox, Squirrel, Mole and Opossum—all in this season's shapes and our regular goods, which means choice selections of skins.

SPECIAL!

Dress and Walking Skirts

$3.95

The dress skirts are in Black and Blue Cheviot, Broadcloth and Voile, and were priced at $7.50 to $15. The walking skirts are in Fancy Cheviots and Homespuns, suitable for spring wear, and were $5 to $10. Choice at $3.95.

Women's Tailored Waists

$1.95

The clean up of our fine Winter Waists, in Flannel, Mohair, Batiste and Veiling—also White Linens and Fancy Vesting in spring weights.

Regular prices—$2.75, $3.00, $3.50, $3.75, $3.95.

Choice at $1.95.

The Merrimack Clothing Company

ACROSS FROM CITY HALL

PATRIARCHS MILITANT

WILL HOLD NEXT SESSION IN NEWBURYPORT.

LAWRENCE, Feb. 17.—The annual department council of the Patriarchs Militant, I. O. O. F., of Massachusetts was called to order at 11 a. m. yesterday by S. E. Welch of Lynn, retiring president. There were 116 delegates from cantons throughout the state. An address of welcome was delivered by Mayor Lynch. At the morning session A. E. Bliss of Malden was installed as president by Mr. Welch, who in turn was installed as vice president. A dinner was served in the banquet hall, at which C. W. Malonzo of Canton Agawam presided.

It was voted to hold the next department council at Newburyport in June, 1906. Brockton was selected as the place for a department field day in June next.

BUSINESS CHANCES

THE BEST OPPORTUNITY in existence for the investment of small and large sums of idle money where it will produce a large and steady monthly revenue without risk of loss. Principal back on demand. For full particulars, address W. H. Latimer, 413 Walnut st., Philadelphia, Pa.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

FOR SALE—On Rogers street, Belvidere, two story, ten room house with bath and pantry and seven thousand feet of land all fenced in. Smith & Cavanaugh, Donovan building, Central st.

SPECIAL NOTICES

THOSE GOOD TEAS that we have been telling you so much about are still sold by us. That is how we have made our business success. Presents for everybody. Dickson's Tea Store, 68 Merrimack street.

MR. EVANGELOS COSTAKIS, a grocer doing business at 63 Cheever street, started in business last October. Besides the Greek trade he has the trade of a large number of the French people, as they like very much the Oriental produce. In little Canada there are over 500 Greeks.

WM. E. RIGG—Piano and furniture moving, in or out of the city with care. Prices reasonable for good work. 65 Billerica st., Riverside Park. Sign on the barn.

CORNS successfully treated, also shampooing, facial massage and manicuring by C. M. Saunders, 90 Prescott st.

FOR THIS MONTH we will offer you wonderful bargains in carpets, rugs, tables, chairs and rockers and all kinds of household furniture at Bellefontaine & Co.'s, 197-199 Middlesex st. You have the money, we have the goods. Let us exchange, we lose, you gain.

THE SUN IN BOSTON—The Sun is on sale every day at both news-stands of the Union station in Boston. Don't forget this when taking your train for Lowell.

MONEY TO LOAN

MONEY LOANED—Overcome your difficulties, our plan of loaning money on salaries is the most liberal to be found anywhere, easy weekly payments. All transactions confidential. Massachusetts Loan Co., Room 22, Hildreth Building.

MONEY LOANED salaried people, retail merchants, teamsters and others, without security, easy payments, offices in 50 leading cities. Tolman, room 43 Hildreth Building, 45 Merrimack st.

MONEY ON CREDIT without security, boarding houses, teamsters, salaried loans a specialty. Best terms obtainable, liberal discount for prompt payments, commission paid. Merrimack Loan Co., 25 Associate Building.

DON'T BE SHORT—Plenty of money to loan to salaried people, merchants, boarding house keepers, teamsters, etc. Easy weekly payments, lowest rates in the city. Confidential; no publicity; no delay. Special inducements for quick payments. Private office. U. S. Loan Co., 90 Prescott st., room 5, Lowell, Mass.

MONEY TO LOAN on furniture, pianos and all personal property. Private office. (Strictly confidential.) Room 5, Swan building, 26 Central street.

MONEY TO LOAN at short notice on furniture, pianos, diamonds, etc. Leases paid off and more money advanced. All business strictly confidential. Address W. E. Leinhas, room 9, Barristers' Hall.

MISCELLANEOUS

BEWARE OF FIRE—Have your furniture insured today at Gordon's, 219 Central st.

WHITE SEWING MACHINE—Ladies come and see our silent, ball-bearing, rotary machine. It is king of all machines, lock and chain stitch. Second hand machines for sale. 376 Bridge st.

MIRACLE. The great German rust exterminator. Takes the rust off lawn mowers, cutlery, in fact everything, without labor. Once used always used. For sale by all leading hardware houses. Price 25 cents. Hugo Hill, Manufacturer.

MOTHERS—Rent's destroyer kills lice on children and all insects; cures dandruff and itching scalp; prevents falling hair, harmless, 25c only at Falls & Burkinshaw's, 418 Middlesex st.

MADAME LENORE, clairvoyant, card reader. Hours 2 p. m. to 10 p. m. at 11 Paige st.

THE WONDERFUL new drink Gloria gives health and youthful vigor. Boyle Bros. Agents. Telephone.

WE HAVE ALL the Fall Blocks of Hats and are prepared to supply the gentlemen of this city. Stiff hats cleaned free at Delormo's, 261 Middlesex st. The practical hatter.

LADIES—Dr. LaFranco's Compound gives positive relief; powerful combination used by 200,000 women. Price 25 cents; druggists or by mail. Address LaFranco & Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

LIMBURG—Chimney expert; chimneys swept and repaired. Residence 1123 Bridge street. Telephone.

WANTED

Frame Spinners, Weavers, Speeder Tenders and Spoolers. GOOD WAGES.

—APPLY TO—

Hamilton Mills,

Amesbury, Mass.

LEGAL NOTICES

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. State House, Boston, Feb. 15, 1905. The Committee on Mercantile Affairs will give a hearing to parties interested in a bill (House No. 437) relative to poles and wires; also petition (with accompanying House bill No. 804) of Roswell L. Wood, mayor, and other officials of the city of Haverhill, for legislation to regulate the cutting and sale of ice from great ponds; and so much of the report of the secretary of state as relates to amending the law providing for the licensing of dealers in coal and coke, at room No. 431, State House, Friday, Feb. 17, at 10.30 o'clock, a. m. F. M. HEATH, Chairman. GEO. H. THORBURN, Clerk of the Committee.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of Martin Conway, late of Billerica, in said County, deceased.

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said court, for Probate, by Margaret Conway who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to her, the executrix therein named, without giving a surety on her official bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Lowell in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-first day of February A. D. 1905, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks in The Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell, the last publication to be one day, at least before said Court, and by mailing postpaid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this second day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and five.

W. E. ROGERS, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. State House, Boston, Feb. 15, 1905. The Committee on Mercantile Affairs will give a hearing to parties interested in a report of the Commission on Building Laws, appointed under the provisions of chapter 421 of the Acts of the year 1904 to investigate the expediency of revising and amending the building laws of the Commonwealth; and petition (with accompanying House bill No. 798) of Fred A. Dexter for legislation relative to halls used for theatrical purposes prior to the year 1884, at room No. 431 State House, on Friday, February 24, at 10.30 o'clock, a. m. F. M. HEATH, Chairman. GEO. H. THORBURN, Clerk of the Committee.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. State House, Boston, Feb. 15, 1905. The Committee on Mercantile Affairs will give a hearing to parties interested in petition (with accompanying House bill No. 802) of Samuel O. Jones for legislation relative to poles, wires and other electrical appliances, apparatus and structures in the city of Chelsea; also petition (with accompanying House bill No. 803) of Walter E. Nichols for legislation relative to ventilating theatres and other places of amusement; and petition (with accompanying House bill No. 806) of Alfred Bowditch and another for an amendment of the law relative to the recovery of damages for the establishment of building lines in cities and towns, at room No. 431 State House, on Monday, Feb. 20, at 10.30 o'clock a. m. F. M. HEATH, Chairman. GEO. H. THORBURN, Clerk of the Committee.

WANTED

WANTED—Everyone who has colds, catarrh, asthma, bronchitis or any disease of the breathing organs to call at Ellingwood & Co.'s drug store and get free treatment of The National Vaporizer and Vapor-ol remedies. One month's medicine with every vaporizer sold, free during demonstration. Money refunded if not satisfactory.

DO NOT WAIT until you are sick, or meet with an accident. Insure today—Price only $1.00 monthly. Gordon, 219 Central st.

PHYSICAL CULTURE lessons, private or classes for appointments. Address Instructor, Box 536, Lowell.

WANTED—Storekeepers and all users of awnings and signs to know now is the time to have them repaired and also place orders for new before the spring rush. Cross Awning & Sign Co., 200 Dutton st.

WANTED—Will buy modern 2 tenement house in Highlands. Gordon's, 219 Central st.

WANTED—Children to board in country, desirable home; terms reasonable. Address Nelson, R. F. D., Billerica Centre.

HELP WANTED

WANTED—At once, a table girl at 726 Suffolk st.

WANTED—Cigar salesman, experience unnecessary. Send stamp for particulars. P. O. Box 1070.

BARBER WANTED at Sun Building.

WANTED—A general house girl at 18 Lenton Court off Charles st.

WANTED—At once six tinsmiths at J. L. Douglas & Co.'s, 147 Rock st.

WANTED—Two office assistants willing to receive as full pay, course in shorthand and typewriting. Apply at once. H. A. Dimon, Wyman's Exchange.

WANTED—Everywhere, people to copy letters at home spare time, materials free. No mailing or canvassing. Enclose addressed envelope for particulars, and wages we pay. Guarantee Co., Dept. 417, Philadelphia, Pa.

WANTED—Girl for general housework, small family, good home. Address E. F., this office.

WANTED—Kitchen girl. Apply 28 Robeson st., Mrs. Keyes.

ANY INTELLIGENT PERSON may earn a good income corresponding for newspapers. Experience unnecessary. Send for particulars. Northern Press Syndicate, Lockport, N. Y.

HOME WORK—$9 to $15, no canvassing, $5 to $6 weekly working evenings, experience unnecessary, enclose stamp for instructions, sample, etc. Address B. Wilson & Co., 603 Walnut st., Philadelphia, Pa.

WANTED—Energetic man, each county, to post signs, advertise and distribute samples; salary, $18 weekly, $3 per day for expenses. Honesty and sobriety more essential than experience. National Co., 720 Chestnut street, Philadelphia.

WANTED—Salesmen and saleslaides to call on drug and grocery trade. $100 per month and expenses. Inclose stamped envelope for reply. Buffalo Chemical Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

REMOVAL—Miss Josephine Bonan, dressmaker, formerly at Edson block, Merrimack street, has removed to Central block, 63 Central street. No cards. Everyone welcome. Take elevator. Rooms 82-83. Tel. 1114-3.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE CHEAP—A breeding pen of choice barred Plymouth rock pullets and cockerels. 12 Vincent, Amesbury st., Elmere.

FOR SALE—Meat and provision store doing $175 a week, fine stock, old stand. $90 takes it. Greene, 95 Central st.

FOR SALE—Variety store, fine stock, cleared over $500 above all expenses last year. Greene, 95 Central st.

FOR SALE—Lodging house, 9 rooms, near Merrimack sq., price this week $125. Greene, 95 Central st.

FOR SALE—Grocery store, established 30 years at appraisal. Here is a bargain. Greene, 95 Central st.

FOR SALE—Best located variety store on Central st., pool room and restaurant. Must be sold this month. Greene, 95 Central st.

FOR SALE—The best variety store; the best boarding house; the best restaurant in Lowell; we have for sale the best business investments in the city, before buying or selling consult us, always open. Gordon, 219 Central st.

FOR SALE—The "Best" Light is a 100-candle power light costing only three cents per week, makes and burns its own gas, brighter than electricity, cheaper than kerosene, no smoke or smell, over 100 styles, lighted instantly with a match, every lamp warranted, exhibited and sold 52 Church st.

FOR SALE—A light grocery and candy store, also bakery goods, cheap if sold at once. Address C, Sun Office.

ATTEND Rummage Sale by Central M. E. church Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 311 Market st., old and new clothes.

FOR SALE—New, traverse runner, suitable for grocerymen. Inquire at 27 Middle st.

PREPARE for accidents or illness by being insured today at Gordon's, 219 Central st.

FOR SALE—Cheap fuel, Otto Coke; lasts as long as coal and costs less. Stove size, $5.75 per ton; Egg size, $6.50 per ton. We also keep best grades of coal. Mail and telephone orders promptly attended to. Moore & Preston Coal Co. Telephone 1366-2.

FOR SALE CHEAP—Coal Range, at Lahue's Machine Shop, 107 Cushing street.

FOR SALE—Shoemakers, Singer sewing machine. Inquire 712 Lawrence st.

FOR SALE—Extra good piano, handsome black case, round front corners, carved legs, good tone, also piano chair, cheap for cash. Inquire at The Sun office.

FOR SALE—A phonograph with 2 dozen latest records, large horn and stand, will sell cheap. Address R. S., Sun Office.

FOR SALE—At once fruit, confectionery, ice cream, cigar and tobacco store doing fine business, will sell low on account of sickness. Address B. E. G., Sun Office.

FOR SALE—Every kind of store and house in most desirable locations, prices right—before buying or selling consult us. Come today and see Gordon, 219 Central street.

STOCK HAY for sale at $14 per ton at J. B. Sabre's Hay and Grain Store, 597 Merrimack st.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Sunday evening between Merrimack Square and Spaulding st. a lady's gold hunting case watch and sterling silver fob with monogram M. T. F. on case. Liberal reward by owner at 493 Moody st.

LOST—A pair of gold bowed spectacles between J. J. Chain's and School st. by way of Broadway. Finder return 175 Walker st. and receive reward.

LOST—A wallet containing large sum of money between Carney bank and A. O. Pollard's. Reward at A. G. Pollard's office.

LOST—A dag, coolie, with collar, no name on it. Finder will be rewarded by leaving at 138 Page st.

LOST—A French bull pup, 15 months old with "bat" ears. Reward at 385 Gorham street.

LOST—Between Middlesex and Mt. Vernon sts., one lens and nose-piece. Return to Sun Office.

TO LET

TO LET—Front rooms, also side rooms, steam heat, bath and gas. 69 Nichols st., off Westford st.

LOW PRICE tenement to rent on Waugh st., near the Normal school. Inquire at Morse's stable, 350 Middlesex st.

TO LET—A suite of rooms heated and first class order, also one single room, open fire place and heated, in the I. O. O. F. Temple, 84 Middlesex st. Inquire of the janitor.

FURNISHED ROOM to let at 94 Butterfield st. Call at once, rent reasonable.

TO LET—Nicely furnished front room bay window, heated, lighted, bath, telephone. 40 Second street.

TO LET—One large front room furnished and two side rooms, en suite. Price reasonable to good party. References required. Inquire at 12 Livermore st.

TO LET—A warm cosy tenement of five rooms in Centralville, reduced to $6 per month. T. H. Elliott, 64 Central st.

TO LET—Store 368 Merrimack st. possession given March 1st. Thomas G. Gerrish, 15 Gould Ave., Malden, Mass.

TO LET—Corner Windsor & Westford streets two six room flats all hard wood floors; steam heat, continuous hot water and gas range furnished. All modern conveniences. Apply James H. Walker, 43 Fletcher street. Tel. 911-2.

TO LET—Small store at 62 Dummer st, rent cheap. Inquire in rear.

SITUATIONS WANTED

GERMAN GIRL wants situation to do general housework. 10 Quimby Ave., Lowell.

WANTED—A situation at general housework by an experienced capable girl. Inquire 135 Durant st.

LADY WANTS to do kitchen work. Inquire 749 Middlesex st.

WANTED—A situation by an experienced temperate and competent painter and paper hanger. Inquire 831 Gorham st.

SITUATION WANTED—Expert stenographer, one who understands bookkeeping, wants position; 9 years' experience. Can furnish best of references. Address "G." this office.

SITUATION WANTED by respectable middle aged lady. Would do light housework or mind child. 167 East Merrimack street.

WANTED—Chance to tend office and study at same time. Pay immaterial. Address J. I. M., Sun Office.

WANTED—To care for a child by day or week. Inquire at this office.

ANY BUSINESS can be improved by advertising it in this column.

A CLEVER THIEF

Hammond Had Lots of Religious Articles

SALEM, Mass., Feb. 17.—In connection with the arrest on Wednesday night of William Hammond, of Peabody, the police have discovered evidence which they believe tends to show that they have in custody a most clever thief who has operated through many sections of New England and Canada.

Officers visited his home in Peabody yesterday returning last night with two large wagon loads of ceremonial vestments, crucifixes, chalices, altar cloths and other paraphernalia which had apparently been stolen from many Catholic churches.

WOULD DONATE MONEY

TO SEND LARKIN TO THE "BUG" HOUSE.

Michael Larkin, Lowell's pereginator, subterranean explorer, expert swimmer, long distance walker and a thousand and one other things, who is traveling over this glorious continent giving exhibitions of cold water swimming for the purpose of saving those who are suffering from dreaded germs of consumption, has been heard from again. During the early part of the week the globe trotter appeared in Bristol, Bucks county, Pa. No doubt the place is situated somewhere in Pennsylvania, but as our map does not give the location of it, it must be somewhere in the backwoods.

Mike heard that the town was the home of consumptives and went miles out of his way for thep urpose of playing the part of the good Samaritan and showing the "connies" how he cured himself of the dreaded disease.

The following from the Bucks county Gazette is self interesting as well as amusing, for the inhabitants took Larkin for a lunatic:

"Several hundred people assembled at the Mill street wharf last Saturday to witness the novel scene of a man voluntarily taking an ice cold bath in the river. The man, who claimed Lowell, Mass., as his home, first cut a good sized hole through the thick ice and then divested of all garments except a pair of tights, took three dips in the water. After he came out he rolled around in the snow to work up a good circulation. Previous to the performance he passed around his hat and took up a fair sized collection. One spectator refusing to contribute said he would donate $5 towards sending him to the Norristown asylum."

For the benefit of our readers we state that the asylum above mentioned is a place where insane patients are confined. In all probability the man who stated he would donate $5 towards sending Larkin to the asylum would be in better health than he is at the present time if he performed some of the "insane" feats that Larkin does.

MANY DIVORCES

WORK OF THE COURTS IN ENGLAND.

Society in England is notoriously conservative and yet the growth of divorce in this country has been almost alarmingly progressive. Many of us may not remember the agitation which preceded the legislation making divorce no longer an ecclesiastical matter, but the prophecies of evil which were launched at the unfortunate bill that became an operative act in 1858 have fallen far short of what has proved to be the actual result.

Proceedings in the divorce court have gone up with more than the proverbial leaps and bounds, says a writer in the London Express. In the first five years of the working of the act the petitions for the dissolution of marriage averaged 204.5 a year; in the last five recorded years they averaged close upon 800 per annum. That, of course, is the tremendous increase of 300 per cent.

Nor has it been a growth by fits and starts and the maximum reached by an exceptional series of circumstances. On the contrary, it has been a steady and continuous movement.

I may say that in 1901 there were 750 and 1902 as many as 889 petitions for dissolution of marriage, while in the latter year the suits for the various remedies and means of relief provided by the divorce court totalled up to 1050.

Nor is it the divorce court alone which terminates the marriage relationship in this country. For the power of decreeing a judicial separation (which by the way, has become rather unpopular in the divorce court) has in recent years been extended to courts of summary jurisdiction with extraordinary results. Since 1895 a stipendiary at a police court or any two of the "great unpaid" magistrates in petty sessions may make a separation order.

If I add to the 9000 judicial separations by magistrates the number of cases in the divorce court, I have a total today of about 10,000 legal dissolutions or suspensions of the marriage tie—practically, of course, 10,000 dissolutions of marriage.

And, further, if I compare these figures with those which are available from America—detailed statistics of recent years have not been taken in the United States—I find that we have almost reached their unenviable level. For during the last 34 years there have been no fewer than 700,000 divorces in the United States; and taking out 10,000 dissolutions and separations for the last year, and allowing for the fact that our population is about one-half of theirs, I arrive at the fact that per 100 of population our divorce and separation figures are as numerous as theirs.

AS TO DIVORCE

RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE PRESIDENT.

The president's recommendation that congress provide for the collection of statistics of marriage and divorce is an important step towards a remedy for what has become recognized as one of the most degrading evils of this country.

The first need is for reliable and trustworthy facts. With these at hand, intelligent and prudent action will become possible.

No official census of divorce has been taken since 1886. When Carroll D. Wright made his report on marriage and divorce for the twenty years between 1867 and 1886 he discovered the disagreeable fact that the divorce rate had increased 157 per cent, while population had increased by 60 per cent. In 1867 the number of divorces in the United States was 9937; in 1886 no less than 25,535.

This showing is bad enough, but there is reason to fear that the new investigation will show a still worse condition.

The number of American divorces is now officially estimated at 60,000 annually, an increase of 100 per cent, in the last nineteen years, while population has increased only about 50 per cent. Incomplete state reports prepare us for what to expect. Indiana, for example, in 1867 granted 1986 divorces, 1655 in 1887, and 1509, or one to every 5.2 marriages in 1900. Michigan's divorces increased from 449 in 1867 to 1331 in 1886, and 2418 in 1900. Ohio granted 801 in 1867 and 3215 in 1900.

Taking the country as a whole, in 1900 it is estimated that there was one divorce to every fifteen marriages.

Such figures as these, if officially shown to be true, cannot fail to arouse a public feeling that will result in radical efforts for a remedy.

The 1886 report did great good, marking practically the beginning of the anti-divorce agitation. Some reforms have been instituted in many states as a result. But there is still a woful lack of harmony between the various states and statistics covering the whole ground are necessary to concerted action.

JUSTICE KNOWLTON

DISSOLVES INJUNCTION AGAINST HAMPDEN TRUST CO.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Feb. 16.—Chief Justice Marcus P. Knowlton this afternoon ordered the injunction dissolved and the receivers dismissed in the case of the commonwealth against the Hampden Trust Co. of this city. The trust company will now unite with the Hampden Trust Co., of this city, under the name of the Chapin Trust company.

MAY BE BANISHED

SERIOUS CHARGES AGAINST RUSSIAN EDITOR.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 17, 2 a. m.—Membership in a secret organization formed in 1902 to incite strikes and promote revolution is one of the charges brought against M. Annensky, editor of Russian Wealth, and also probably involving Maxim Gorky and the other members of the delegation who were arrested with Gorky and Annensky.

M. Annensky, whose five terms in the fortress under arrest have made the interior of the fortresses of St. Peter and St. Paul thoroughly familiar to him, told the Associated Press yesterday that he had also been required to plead to the charge of formulating anti-governmental proclamations, the penalty for which offense is banishment for life to Siberia, but that no proof was offered of either charge. M. Annensky said the prosecutor showed him the draft of an address to the people alleged to be in the handwriting of Maxim Gorky and alterations in another hand, alleged to be Annensky's. Annensky declared that he could not identify the document or the handwriting.

Only four of the original delegation remained in custody. One of these is the workman Kuzin, who for a long time escaped arrest because his identity could not be ascertained by the police; but the authorities continue to make occasional arrests of others in connection with this matter. Those who have been released are still under charges.

FOLEY'S HONEY AND TAR
Cures Colds; Prevents Pneumonia

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

The Bon Marche Dry Goods Company

If It's in the Ad. It's True - - - - If It's in the Store It's Right

A GREAT SILK MOVEMENT

A Great One Day Silk Sale

TOMORROW, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18th

We have had many special sales of silks in the past, but none compared to this great "one day" event, none so broad, none so complete in every detail. Our chief efforts have been directed along the lines of value getting and we have been successful beyond our highest expectations.

QUALITY HAS NOT BEEN SACRIFICED TO MAKE PRICE THE MORE ATTRACTIVE BUT PROFIT HAS CRUELLY SUFFERED IN THIS ENDEAVOR

This is not a money making sale—not by any means—rather an introductory event in which the public will be introduced to a larger and improved section of our store, a section on which in the past the light of publicity has not been thrown strong enough. However the future will see that defect remedied. The markets have been very generous in their yield of good things, many special favors in the way of low prices have been accorded us by all the old line silk houses with which we do business, thus making it possible for us to give the public a heaping measure of value. All in all t'will be a noteworthy event and you, your neighbor and your neighbor's neighbor will be the ones that will reap the benefit.

PLEASE BEAR IN MIND THAT THIS SALE DOES NOT OPEN UNTIL 9 O'CLOCK TOMORROW MORNING AND CLOSES WHEN THE GONG STRIKES AT 10 O'CLOCK. NOT A YARD WILL BE SOLD BEFORE OR AFTER THE ABOVE SPECIFIED TIME AT THE PRICES QUOTED IN THIS ADVERTISEMENT

Altho' you know our policy of strictly adhering to the truth in our advertisements, some of the reduced prices appear so out of proportion to the usual prices that we deem it necessary to tell our public over again that every word in this advertisement is strictly in accordance with our "honesty in advertising" methods.

A BRIEF GLANCE AT THE ASSEMBLAGE

Colored Silks

23-inch Crepe de Chene, 75c quality, sale price.....45c YARD
20-inch Peau de Cygne, 75c quality, sale price.....49c YARD
Colored Wash Silks, sale price.....19c YARD
21-inch Colored Jap. Silks, 39c quality, sale price.....25c YARD
24 and 27-inch Colored Jap. Silks, 50c and 59c qualities, sale price 35c YARD
27-inch Silk Pongee, 39c quality, sale price.....29c YARD
Changeable Taffeta Silk, 59c quality, sale price.....49c YARD
32-inch Heavy All Silk Pongee, $1.00 quality, sale price.....69c YARD
27-inch Tussah Pongee, 69c quality, sale price.....55c YARD
Colored Messaline, 75c quality, sale price.....49c YARD
Satin Duchess, $1.00 quality, sale price.....69c YARD
Simon's Foulard Silks, 75c quality, sale price.....49c YARD

Fancy Silks

Fancy Silks in blue, brown, green and fancy stripe effects, excellent for Shirt Waist Suits, etc., sale price.....39c YARD
75c Fancy Silks, in this sale.....49c YARD
$1.00 Fancy Silks, in this sale.....69c YARD
Fancy White Silks in cords, figures and fancy weaves, $1.00 quality, sale price.....69c YARD
Cheney Bros.' Foulard Silks in short lengths, 3 to 15 yards in piece, 24 inches wide, 49c quality, sale price.....29c YARD
19-inch Foulard Silks, full pieces, 39c quality, sale price....29c YARD

White Silks

21-inch White India Wash Silk, 39c quality, sale price.....25c YARD
24-inch White India Wash Silk, 50c quality, sale price.....35c YARD
27-inch White India Wash Silk, 59c quality, sale price.....42c YARD
20-inch White Peau de Cygne, $1.00 quality, sale price.....79c YARD
20-inch White Messaline, $1.00 quality, sale price.....79c YARD
19-inch White Taffeta, 75c quality, sale price.....59c YARD
19-inch White Taffeta, 59c quality, sale price.....49c YARD

Black Silks

20-inch All Silk Taffeta, 50c quality, sale price.....35c YARD
20-inch All Silk Taffeta, 69c quality, sale price.....49c YARD
36-inch All Silk Taffeta, $1.10 quality, sale price.....79c YARD
36-inch All Silk Waterproof Taffeta, $1.37½ quality, sale price $1.05 YARD
20-inch All Silk Peau de Soie, $1.00 quality, sale price.....69c YARD
20-inch All Silk Peau de Soie, 69c quality, sale price.....49c YARD
21-inch All Silk Wash Silk, 75c quality, sale price.....49c YARD
20-inch All Silk Peau de Cygne, $1.00 quality, sale price....69c YARD
24-inch All Silk Taffeta, 75c quality, sale price.....55c YARD
20-inch Peau de Cygne, 69c quality, sale price.....49c YARD
20-inch Peau de Cygne, 75c quality, sale price.....49c YARD
24-inch Brainard & Armstrong Taffeta, "guaranteed," $1.00 quality, sale price.....79c YARD
27-inch, $1.25 quality, sale price.....85c YARD
20-inch "Bartholdi" Peau de Soie, $1.25 quality, sale price...85c YARD
20-inch, $1.00 quality, sale price.....79c YARD
24-inch Gros Crain, $1.00 quality, sale price.....75c YARD
24-inch Extra Heavy Gros Grain, $1.25 quality, sale price...85c YARD

THE WINDHAM SILKS WARRANTED NOT TO SLIP, BREAK OR CRACK

20-inch Parisian Satin, $1.25 quality, sale price.....85c YARD
22-inch Peau de Soie, $1.50 quality, sale price.....$1.05 YARD
24-inch Peau de Soie, $1.75 quality, sale price.....$1.25 YARD

Just Received—A New Consignment of
St. Andresburg Roller Canaries

Every one guaranteed a singer or money refunded.

Prices Range From $2.50 to $5.00

Come down and hear them sing.

Fresh Bird Seed.....9c PACKAGE
Bird Gravel.....9c PACKAGE
Cuttlefish Bird Cages, etc., very attractively priced.

The monkeys, especially "Bob," are interesting little fellows. Bring down the children.

A New White Wash Fabric
"FRENCH BRILLIANTS"

An extra soft fabric, thoroughly mercerized. It is 27 in. wide. The designs are handsome ones—stripes, stripes with figures, and figures alone. One of the most desirable waistings we are showing this season. The price..... 25c YARD

Women's Heavy Fleeced Underwear

The Usual 50c Quality.

Friday and Saturday 38c a Garment

"Winchester Mills" and "Viola" makes. Ecru and full bleached. All sizes in Vests and Pants.

Have You Seen the New 1905
Men's Neglige Shirts
We Are Selling at 48c?

They are very natty for the money. From the viewpoint of looks you would class them with the $1.00 goods. Not that they are worth a dollar. No indeed, but they are the very best to be found to sell at 48c. Madras, Percales, Cheviots and Chambrays in the assortment. Some have cuffs. Others two collars.

Fancy Sofa Pillow Slips
All Ready for the Pillow

Tapestry **25c Each** Embroidered

Two Numbers of
$1 C. B. A La Spirite Corsets
At 69c Pair

See how we take care of you—giving you something unusual all the time. We know you appreciate these things, because you nobly respond to our announcements. Still, we are never quite satisfied—we want more business, and we are bound to have more business if values count for anything.

No. 248 is a Short French Gored Coutil Corset with short hips and medium bust.

No. 249 is made of same material as 248, only it is a long waist dip hip model. All sizes.

Women's and Children's Footwear

Women's Rubbers, new shapes. All sizes.....25c PAIR
Women's Best Quality Stormy Rubbers.....50c PAIR
Women's Jersey Covered Fleeced Lined Storm Rubbers, $1.00 quality, 75c PAIR
Children's Storm Rubbers. Sizes 8 to 10. 39c quality.....25c PAIR

Children's Fleece Lined Stockings
A REGULAR 15c VALUE

Friday and Saturday 10 Cents Pair

These are the well-known "Hercules" Brand. In coarse ribs for boys and fine ribs for girls. The sizes run from 6½ to 9½.

Three Sharp Items in Domestics

Light Prints.....3½c YARD
36-inch Unbleached Cotton, worth 5c, now.....4c YARD
Dress Ginghams—stripes, checks and plaids—worth 8c, now 6¼c YARD

Special Showing of
Paper Covered Fiction
5c, 10c, 15c Volume

Broken Sizes in Men's Goods
Almost Given Away

If you can find a size that will fit, you can get a bargain.

Colored Bosom Shirts, formerly $1.00, to close.....25c
Colored Bosom Shirts, formerly 49c, to close.....15c
Soiled White Shirts, formerly 50c, to close.....15c
Men's and Boys' Ties, formerly 25c, to close.....2 for 5c
Men's Wool Sweaters, formerly $1.00, to close.....39c

New Idea Paper Patterns—10 Cents Each

See What 10 Cents Will Buy in the Art Section

One Stamped Pillow Sham. One 18x54 Stamped Bureau Scarf. One 18x27 Stamped Tray Cloth. One 18-inch Embroidered Doily. Any one of which would be cheap at 15c.

Souvenir Postal Cards—1 Cent Each

Mme. Katherine, Expert Palmist
Readings, 10c and 25c. In the Basement

THE LOWELL SUN

SUN BUILDING, MERRIMACK SQUARE, LOWELL, MASS.

JOHN H. HARRINGTON, PROPRIETOR.

Member of the Associated Press.

Three Dollars per Year. Twenty-five Cents per Month

☞The Sun receives the full day service of The Associated Press, the greatest news-gathering organization in the world. The entire service received over a leased wire, by our own operator in our own office in The Sun building.

SWORN CIRCULATION OF THE SUN

The sworn daily average circulation of The Lowell Sun for the year 1904, was

14,539

Sworn to by John H. Harrington, proprietor, Martin H. Reidy, business manager, and Alfred Pilotte, pressman of The Sun, before me, January 2, 1905. JOHN J. HOGAN, Notary Public.

☞This is a larger circulation than the combined circulation of all the other daily papers in Lowell.

☞An advertisement placed in The Sun is of more value to the advertiser than if it were inserted in all the other newspapers in Lowell, and the cost of inserting it in The Sun is about ONE-THIRD the price charged by the other papers.

THE SUN'S PLATFORM

FOR THE GOOD OF LOWELL

1. ADOPT a new charter giving the mayor full power to appoint and remove at will, the heads of all city departments and members of all boards or commissions.

2. ABOLISH the common council and provide for a single legislative board of 27 aldermen, three from each ward.

3.—CREATE public boards to have charge of streets, buildings, police, fire, pauper and water departments.

4. ANNEX portions of Dracut and Tewksbury, including the "Navy Yard" and the Andover road as far as the Hood farm.

5. ABOLISH the Merrimack street station and the grade crossings at Market, Thorndike and Middlesex streets and extend the northern station to Thorndike street.

6. BUILD a public hall and market on the White lot in Merrimack Square.

THE LOWELL JACKSON.

President Roosevelt missed a pleasant experience when the detectives prevented William Waldorf Jackson from seeing him. The "Second Jackson", as he is known in Lowell, is entirely harmless. He has been a candidate for the presidency for over twelve years and those who have known his presidential delusions have fed his fancy with letters informing him that the people throughout the country wanted only the opportunity to elect him. The detectives made no mistake in taking him for a crank but he is not of the dangerous sort.

THE PRESIDENT'S INFLUENCE FOR GOOD.

President Roosevelt's influence for good in his opposition to race suicide and his advocacy of domestic virtue is doing a vast amount of good for the country. He is striking at the vital evils by which this nation is distinguished from all others. He is the first man who dared to come out bluntly and name the evil which was before but remotely hinted at. His appeals for the home virtues will do good, his condemnation of the divorce evils and his appeal for greater uniformity and restraint if carried out would have a good effect. But by far the best result will be the moral effect of the president's denunciation of conditions that formerly were allowed to pass without reproach.

COMMISSIONS, ABUSES, REFORMS.

The Sun's platform at the head of this column favors the plan of putting the several city departments in charge of commissions.

Now some people have a prejudice against commissions. They think the scheme removes the power too far from the people.

This idea has been diffused from the result of having state commissions which are hard to reach after being entrenched in power.

In this case, however, the commission would keep power within reach of the people and would prevent the abuses which have been draining the city treasury for years in spite of the people.

We would have every commission directly responsible to the mayor and the mayor being responsible to the people for the action of each commission, there would certainly be an easy means of reaching the commission, through the mayor.

At present the head of a department is his own boss except so far as he deems it politically expedient to comply with the wishes of the men who elected him.

The heads of departments being mostly elected by concurrent vote of the city council are dependent upon the members of that body for retention in office and are not likely to refuse them any reasonable request within their power to grant.

The members of the city council are continually pushed to secure work for their constituents and they in turn push the heads of departments to put men to work for them. Thus the heads of departments are coerced into employing men at good wages and paying them out of the city treasury.

Now what is all this but a system by which the members of the city council pay their political debts by getting men to work for the city whether needed or not.

What is this but a system of grafting in which the city has to pay the bills?

Suppose a commission of the right kind appointed by the mayor were in charge of a department what would be the result?

In the first place the commission would appoint a superintendent and order him to employ only men who were adapted to the work, to take on no drones, no dead beats, no political heelers, none of the men who think the city owes them a living and that if they have political backing they can hold their jobs whether they work or not.

Take the park commission as an example of efficient service. That body has done better work for far less money than was ever done when the department was under the control of the city council.

Besides, all the work done is in pursuance of a definite system that in the end will give the city a splendid system of parks.

Certainly this is a fair example of the efficacy of commissions. If the street department and the lands and building department were similarly conducted then a great deal better work would be accomplished for a great deal less money.

The change to commissions, appointable and removable by the mayor, would do away with a great deal of the abuses which have run up the tax-rate to its present figure.

The great obstacle to be overcome in bringing about such reforms is the inertia of the body politic which is hard to move towards anything new, towards any change however acceptable. The subject must be threshed over and over a thousand times; it must be agitated for months or for years before the multitude can be brought to acknowledge that it is a good thing and should be adopted.

In order to overcome this power that tends to retard progress the elected representatives of the people in the city council should show greater mobility in the right direction. They should be more easily moved than their entire constituency and should more readily recognize what best serves the common weal.

SEEN AND HEARD

"Joe" Gormley is making quite a hit as a conductor of minstrel overtures and an organizer of degree staffs. He certainly is winning fame all right and that his work is appreciated by the different organizations which are favored with his services is very apparent.

Officer Frank Fox is back on his old route in Pawtucketville again after an absence of one week. Officer Fox was a grippe victim and had a severe attack. He is all right now and is keeping a sharp eye for offenders in the Pawtucketville district.

Dr. Thomas F. Carroll, the well known physician, is one of the leading "jiners" of the city. The doctor is associated with about every social and fraternal organization that the city boasts of. He enjoys the company of his friends and his fellow members find him a handy man at the piano when the social session begins.

Don Williamson, the cavalry sergeant who has been on a visit to his brother, "Jack" Williamson in this city, has returned to his post in Des Moines. Sergeant Williamson has a fine opportunity to go to China as an instructor in company with Lieutenant Conger, who is a nephew of the United States minister to China. The salary is most tempting and Sergeant Williamson has had the matter under consideration for some time.

Although civilization has stripped the Micmac Indian of his war paint, ear and nose rings and clothes made from the skins of animals, "red eye" or "firewater," better known to us as whiskey, has about the same effect on the redskin today that it had in the days of the war whoop and the signal fire. When a Micmac drops into a city and falls to drinking whiskey something is going to happen and that something generally means a night at the police station for the Indian. As a prisoner the Micmac is generally very quiet and penitent, but the fellow whom the police connected with Wednesday night was inclined to be a bit ugly. He snarled through the bars at Deputy Welch and slunk into a corner when asked questions that he did not want to answer. He told the deputy that his camp on the Richibucto reservation is lined with the scalps and ribs of white men. The Micmac concluded this little speech with a "woho woho." Speaking of his interview with the Micmac the deputy said: "He's an Indian all right."

A few weeks ago Martin Conway, chief of the Billerica police department, was quoted in this column as saying that he would not eat a live broiled lobster because of the torture inflicted on the lobster in the process of cooking. In the same column, and on the same day, there appeared an article on "Cruelty to Turtles" by Lieut. Donaldson. Today Mr. Conway received the following letter:

Martin Conway, Chief of Police, Billerica.

Dear Sir:—I thank you from the bottom of my heart for calling attention of the people to the terrible agony of the lobster while being cooked alive. I do not see how any one can ever eat lobster after reading what you said about it in The Lowell Sun. Please also thank, for me, the man who spoke in behalf of the turtle.

Very sincerely,

Coldspring, Mass., Feb. 10, 1905.

(Name of sender withheld by request.)

Apropos to Mr. Conway's defense of the lobster was his defense of an abused horse, this afternoon. The horse was pulling a very heavy load in Central street and the teamster was urging the poor old fellow so vigorously that the blood flowed from his nostrils. Mr. Conway caught sight of the blood and he stopped that horse in double quick time. The ignorant and abusive driver wanted to know from Martin what right he had to stop his horse.

"If we were on a country road I would thrash you within an inch of your life," was Martins' reply, "I want you to rest that horse every few minutes; if you don't I will take you to the police station where you belong." The teamster cooled down and promised to obey Martin's commands.

The appearance of two Micmac Indians in police court in as many days recalls to my mind a little romance of an Indian reservation, in Canada called "Burned Church". The chief of that reservation was showing me about the "village," as he was pleased to call it. We visited the little graveyard where rested the bones of all the Indians, good and bad, who had passed away on the reservation for years and years. The graveyard was surrounded by a newly painted fence. No stone or marble tomb marked the graves of those who were buried there. Little wooden crosses told the story and it is the solemn duty of the reigning chief to have the crosses renewed when they show signs of decay. In about the centre of the little graveyard was a great large cross that had evidently stood the blunt of years and it was the only one upon which an inscription was written in English. Indian hieroglyphics marked all the other crosses and the big cross looked as if it might mark the beginning of civilization on the reservation.

With hands clasped behind his back the old chief watched me intently as I labored to decipher the inscription which read as follows: "Chief's daughter follow young brave to happy hunting ground." I asked the old chief to explain. He could talk fairly good English and as near as I can remember he spoke as follows: "She die it long while. She's name Shootnash Gennish. Her father brave chief and big fighter. She love it young brave. Father no like it. Young brave take it Shootnash in canoe and start cross bay for Quebec. Big chief mad like fire. He chase it and kill young brave. Shootnash she die because she love it brave too much." It was a homely little story but it told the tale of a broken heart.

JAPANESE PARTY

UNDER AUSPICES OF THE KARAMA CLUB.

The Karama Social club, an organization of popular young ladies, gave their first social to their friends last evening. They spared no pains or expense in this their coming out party. The social was in the form of a Japanese party so appropriate on account of the club's name suggested by the song called "Karama".

It was a "heart to heart" affair and was held at the home of Miss Helen Keefe, 427 Wilder street. The spacious home of Miss Keefe was opened to the young people and was decorated in an appropriate manner by the young ladies. Cosy corners were in abundance and were much used and enjoyed during the evening. Japanese lanterns, sunshades, fans and other oriental articles were used in the decorations while different colored hearts were strung with ribbon from different portions of the room.

As each guest entered he was presented a heart. On the hearts were proverbs and verses to mate. The gentlemen who matched hearts acted as escort during the remainder of the evening.

A literary and musical program was carried out by the young ladies present including recitations by Miss Lillian O'Brien and Mr. Frank Higgins, vocal solos by a double quartet consisting of the members. Misses Mireault and Hannafin acted as accompanists assisted by Mr Thomas Hannafin and Miss Flanders on the violin.

Supper was served in a novel Japanese fashion and was much enjoyed by all present. After supper games were indulged in. A heart hunting contest took up considerable time. Miss Louise Gurney and Mr. Robert Watson received first prizes, while consolations were given to Miss Ruby Flanders and Mr. Maurice Powers.

Among the out-of-town guests were Earl Berry, Leroy Turrell and Grace Redding of Malden, Alice and Mary Barton of Roxbury and Clara Nelson and Thomas Chesterfield of Charlestown.

The young ladies who worked to make the affair a success were Misses Helen Keefe, Anna Quinn, Loretta Hannafin, Hazel Cotter, Emma Lynch, Olive Colton, Agnes Hoye, May Keefe, Harriet Angelo and Annie Donovan. Much credit is due the young ladies for the very novel way in which the party was managed. Everybody present voted the affair a success and will look forward to the next social run by this club.

BARTENDER KILLED

WAITER PLACED UNDER ARREST ON MURDER CHARGE.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Patrick H. McCarthy, a bartender in a Brooklyn saloon, was shot and instantly killed this morning in a room over the saloon where he is employed, and Richard Kane, a waiter in another saloon, is locked up charged with the crime.

Kane, according to the police, was playing cards with three others when McCarthy came into the room and struck him in the face whereupon he drew his revolver and fired the fatal shot.

THEIR FIRST VOWS

SOLEMN CEREMONY AT THE TEWKSBURY NOVITIATE.

Brothers Jutas and Goyette, both of this city, took their first vows as brothers of the Oblate community at an early mass at the Tewksbury novitiate this morning. The ceremony, which was performed by Rev. Fr. Smith, O. M. I., director of the novitiate, was witnessed by relatives and friends of Brothers Jutras and Goyette. The taking of the first vows marks the end of a novitiate of a year, which the young brothers have just completed. Rev. F. Baron, O. M. I., professor of philosophy at the institution, delivered the special sermon.

DIED SUDDENLY

RUFUS BRIGGS PASSED AWAY SOON AFTER HIS WIFE.

NEW BEDFORD, Feb. 17.—Rufus Briggs, a Marion blacksmith, died suddenly yesterday morning under peculiar circumstances. His wife, who had for a year or so been an inmate of the Taunton insane hospital, died Wednesday night. A telegram was sent to her husband, and when the messenger arrived at Mr. Briggs' house he found the blacksmith sitting in his chair, dead.

Mr. Briggs was a well known citizen and his story-telling propensities made his shop a place much frequented by summer residents.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC

Patrice, the foremost of emotional actresses, who is now in her second season, meeting with great success in her play "Driven From Home," was seen at the Academy of Music yesterday afternoon and evening, two large and appreciative audiences greeting the talented actress. The play is one that comes with the stamp of success from every city where it has been seen. The story is one which appeals to all classes but especially to those who have a liking for one of the order of "The Old Homestead." It is a story of life along the Hudson river and in New York City. The subject around which the clever story is written is one that has never been put into stage form, and it is one that has caught the fancy of the public. It is a story with a plot and a moral that teaches a lesson that all may learn with profit, and during the four acts necessary to tell the tale, the auditor sits in doubt as to the final outcome, as the author's work is so complete that at no time, unless near the end of the last act, can one figure out the final result.

"Driven from Home" is a story of the heart and deals with an innocent country girl pretty and affectionate, who is loved by a neighboring farm lad. During the hunting season, a young and wealthy man from a city visits her home and makes love to her. Her father is a stern old Puritan, overhears a conversation and later drives her away from home, believing she has committed a great wrong. Her devoted young brother goes with her and the two stop at a hotel miles from home. While here, they accidentally meet the city suitor and his aristocratic betrothed. The father meanwhile has followed with the avowed intention of killing his child. At the moment he appears the manly sweetheart of the girl also arrives, and then follows one of the most dramatic situations of the play.

Clever Patrice, who for several seasons has been the bright particular star in vaudeville ranks, portrays the part of Margie Maynard and little need be said of her acting for it would be impossible to criticize her in any but a favorable manner. The supporting company is one of unusual strength and embraces capable players. Performances will be given this afternoon and evening and tomorrow afternoon and evening.

PUTNAM & SON CO.

166 CENTRAL STREET.

Good Trades Today

We Have Had a Splendid Business in the Fashionable Tourist Overcoats

and a count up yesterday shows there's but a handful left. The price of every Tourist in the house has been cut down — all placed in two lots — and we'll close out these smart, handsome belt back Tourist overcoats as follows:

10 Tourists were $25
11 Tourists were $23
9 Tourists were $22
14 Tourists were $20
All for $15

16 Tourists were $12 and $15, now marked $10

A Splendid Trade In All Wool Trousers

We've just closed out two hundred and fifty pairs of men's and young men's winter trousers, at a very low figure. These are new, stylish goods, made in the most thorough manner by an excellent manufacturer. The materials are heavy, strictly all wool cheviots—the popular fabric of the season for business trousers—a low price for these trousers would be $3.50, we offer this collection, both men's and young men's, for $2.50 a Pair

Boys' Tourist Overcoats

Several lots of the nice long overcoats with half belt in back for boys up to 16 years, now $3.00

Handsome All Wool Norfolk Suits

for about half what they first sold for. Fancy cheviots in nice patterns, tailored first-rate, sizes eight years to fifteen. Most all were $5.00, now all are $3.00

Short Legged Trousers

the best that can be bought for the price. All have riveted buttons, double stitched taped seams, buttons can't come off, trousers won't rip, cut at least a size fuller than any you'll find,
Cheviots and Corduroys. 50c

"There's Something Doing"

today in the Furnishing Goods Department for the man who wants warm underwear. We open a small lot 12 dozens of men's heavy Scotch wool ribbed shirts and drawers. Shirts have Ottoman silk fronts, drawers English jean bands. Both garments finished with silk tipped cuffs and pearl buttons. The regular price of this underwear is $1.25. This lot, all sizes for 75c

Mr. David H. Jones, janitor of the Highland, M. E. Church, says: "We formerly used egg coal in the boiler, but the church building was always cold. The boiler was thought to be inefficient and while the question of removing it was pending, we got some Lowell Coke for a trial. The results were most satisfactory, for we found we could get more heat from Coke than from coal, while it lasted just as long, so the old boiler is still in use and our church building is as warm as any in town."

HOLDS FIRE OVER NIGHT

STANLEY'S COAL

223 MOODY ST. 53 MEADOWCROFT ST. 12 THORNDIKE ST.

GLEASON'S DEATH

Was Shot Twice Through The Heart

Lowell Man's Slayer Says He Fired in Self Defence—Declares That Gleason Tried to Stab Him—They Had Been Drinking Together

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 17.—Lying in the Bonney Watson morgue is the body of John L. Gleason, a musician, formerly of Lowell, Mass., who was shot twice through the heart by William Kirkland, a bartender, early Tuesday morning.

Gleason had not been in Seattle long, having come here from Aberdeen, where he was employed in the Palm theatre, yet he had friends here who at once gave information that the dead man had parents in Lowell. A telegram to the man's relatives brought reply from Joseph S. Gleason, a brother, of Lowell, who made reference to the murdered man's wife. Since that telegram came yesterday search has been made, but no information obtained as to the whereabouts of a wife.

The police are not satisfied with the claim of Kirkland that Gleason was shot in self-defence. The two men did not know each other, had no quarrel and met by chance at the bar of the Liberty saloon.

Gleason had secured employment as trombone player in the Nebraska concert hall a few days ago and stopped at the Liberty saloon on way home from that place. There he met Kirkland, a bartender in another saloon for the first time.

When Kirkland got off duty shortly before the tragedy he entered the Liberty saloon, where Gleason was drinking at the bar. They became engaged in conversation and had several drinks together. Bystanders say neither appeared to be under the influence of liquor to any perceptible degree. In the saloon at the time were T. J. O'Brien, bartender, and C. L. Bailey, a porter. O'Brien says he served the two men several drinks without paying any particular attention to what they were discussing, when all at once his attention was attracted by angry words. He looked in their direction and says he saw Gleason with a small knife in his hand making what he thought were not seriously-intended lunges at Kirkland, who was warning Gleason to keep away.

As O'Brien came from behind the bar to pacify the two men he says he saw Gleason advancing on Kirkland with the knife and Kirkland, backing away and drawing a revolver from his pocket, fired two shots in quick succession.

Gleason staggered, clapped his hands to his breast and fell headlong to the floor dead.

Without a word Kirkland laid his weapon on the bar just as Patrolman Ryan, who was standing across the street and who heard shots, came in at the front door on the run. The policeman placed Kirkland under arrest. The only remark made by him was: "He tried to cut me with the knife and I shot in self-defence." Beside Gleason's body as it lay dead on the floor was a small knife with blade open.

After being taken to jail Kirkland said: "I never saw Gleason before in my life and would not have shot him if it had not been I believed my life was in danger. He drew the knife without provocation and after I had pushed him away from me he came toward me again with it open, and I thought he was about to attempt my life. I have a wife and two children dependent on me for support, and certainly would not have involved myself in trouble or have done anything that would place me in this position unless I thought that my life was in danger. I acted in self-defence."

A friend of Gleason's told the police that Gleason was not in the habit of carrying a pocket knife. Gleason was a member of Eugene aerie, fraternal order of Eagles.

Kirkland has engaged counsel to defend him, and refuses to discuss the shooting except to profess that it was done in self-defence.

Between Season Bargains

A special lot of new style

Walking Skirts

Secured by our buyer and marked at prices that appeal to the careful shopper.

$5.98

—AND—

$6.98

These Skirts are made in worsteds, cheviots and novelty cloths, are advanced models of side, box plaits, fan plaits and the new kilted effects.

All the "Cheerful Credit" you need is here at your service. Use it —for it costs not a penny.

NO MONEY DOWN

Caesar Misch CASH OR CREDIT

220 Central Street

A. STRAUSS, Prop.

LAWN PARTY

MID-WINTER EVENT IN PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH.

A mid-winter lawn party was held in the basement of the First Primitive Methodist church in Gorham street last night. The rather unique idea of holding a lawn party in winter attracted a large number of people to the church and a fine time was enjoyed by all present. The vestry was trimmed with fir trees and shrubbery in order to represent a wood scene. There were half a dozen tables located on different parts of the "lawn" and the tables did a good business.

Nat. Matthews, Jr., had charge of the entertainment program, which consisted of the following numbers: Tenor solos, Edward Turnbull; whistling solos, Willie Irving; readings, Miss Margaret Dow; duet, William Falvey and Edward Coughlin; quartet, Edward Turnbull, Frank Morse, Frank Flemings and Edgar Ames.

The lawn party will be continued tonight and tomorrow night, with a special entertainment for children Saturday afternoon.

DRIFTED APART.

ONE-ACT DRAMA AT FIRST UNIVERSALIST CHURCH.

A pretty little one-act drama entitled "Drifted Apart" was presented by Mrs. J. F. Haskell and Mr. Michael J. Mahoney before a large audience at the Valentine party held at the First Universalist church last night. Miss Ethel Ranger and Mrs. F. L. Roberts sang several solos and duets and Miss Petrie gave readings.

Previous to the entertainment a supper was served in the vestry, 400 attending it. The supper was managed by Mrs. Guy Morey, assisted by the following named: Mrs. Fred Provencher, Rev. C. E. Fisher, Mrs. H. A. Wisby, Miss Lillian Weston, Dan McKenzie, Mrs. Charles Weston, Mrs. Harry Thompson, Mrs. Anna Howard, Mrs. E. P. Flanders, Mrs. George W. Brothers, Mrs. Mark Adam, Mrs. Lena Richardson, Miss Jennie Pearson, Miss Ella Morse, Mrs. Fred Morse, Mrs. F. W. Pearson, Mrs. J. F. Haskell, Mrs. Belle Tuttle and Miss Stickney.

MITCHELL'S SCHOOL.

The fifth annual dinner of the alumni association of the Mitchell Boys school at Billerica was held at the Hotel Westminster in Boston on Wednesday, twenty-three graduates of the school gathering around the banquet table. There were no toasts nor set speeches, but informal remarks were made by the different members. An election of officers was held and the following officers were elected to serve during the coming year.

President, R. P. Waters; vice president, Harold Barron, son of Manager Barron of the Westminster; secretary and treasurer, George Magee.

MAJORITY OF 63

Government Scored a Victory in Parliament

LORD HUGH CECIL'S FORCIBLE SPEECH

He Says Free Trade Cannot be Overthrown

LONDON, Feb. 17.—The majority of 63 by which Mr. Asquith's amendment to the reply to the speech from the throne was rejected by the house of commons last night is regarded as giving the government the first move in the political game and as finally disposing of any present prospect of the dissolution of parliament.

The real event of the night's debate was the brilliant speech delivered by Lord Hugh Cecil, which is admitted both by friends and opponents to have been his finest oratorical effort and one of the best speeches delivered in the house of commons since the Gladstone-Salisbury period, and as placing Lord Hugh in the forefront of possible leaders of the conservative party. Lord Hugh Cecil is the leader of the conservative free traders, and the liberals had placed their hopes in him to turn out the government. He disillusioned them by contending that the free trade cause would gain by keeping the present government in office still longer and while he mercilessly pulled to pieces his cousin Balfour's ambiguous attitude on fiscal questions, he declined to vote for the Asquith amendment. The majority of conservative free traders will follow Lord Hugh's lead, and apart from the possibility of some unexpected snap division, the government's position is considered safe.

The scene during Lord Hugh Cecil's speech was somewhat curious and was intensified by his peculiar habit of nervous gesture and physical characteristics, recalling the appearance of his father, the late Lord Salisbury, at the same age. Only a couple of yards separated him from Premier Balfour, sitting alone on the treasury bench.

"It is the business of a premier to make himself understood," said his lordship. "If he confesses that he has not understood, then he throws up the sponge." Then he laughingly added that if Mr. Balfour would give him an office without a portfolio, he would undertake to make his policy perfectly clear to the whole country. He feared, however, that his own ministerial career, though sensational, would be brief and that the government soon would be defeated. In conclusion Lord Hugh Cecil declared that the free traders were winning all along the line. He had no intention, he said, of leaving the conservative party. The conservative free traders were the inheritors of true conservative traditions.

"In time," the speaker said, "you will forget your bad economics. The future is with us. It is needless that we secede from the party. Why should we symbolize mental stability by an act of physical motion."

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

The regular meeting of Asa Pollard lodge, I. O. O. F., M. U., was held last night in North Billerica. After the transaction of routine business various reports were heard and acted upon showing the organization to be in a flourishing condition.

The report from the rallying committee recently formed was a surprise to all present. They reported that next meeting on March 2d would take the form of a class initiation, they having nine candidates. The noble grand reported he had secured the services of Excelsior lodge of Lowell initiation staff which ranks foremost for ritual work in the Massachusetts district. There will probably be a large attendance of members from the other lodges in Lowell, and the district officers are expected to be present.

The regular meeting of Court Wamesit, F. of A., was held last night in Foresters' hall. Chief Ranger W. A. Kelley announced to the members that the dance which was recently held by the court had proved to be a great success from a financial standpoint. He then announced the following as lucky ones at the drawing: Mrs. Folsom, 6 W. Burnside street, barrel of flour; William Bridge, 49 Concord street, ton of coal; Ed. Cottingham, 65 Andrews street, umbrella; T. Kearns, 28 Stanley street, meerschaum pipe; L. McLaughlin, 35 Pleasant street, box of cigars.

The W. R. C., No. 33, held its regular meeting last night. The arrangements were completed for the colonial party to be held at Mrs. Blood's, 30 Nichols street, Tuesday evening, Feb. 21st. Mrs. Hastings gave a very interesting report of the convention in Boston, Feb. 14 and 15, and a vote of thanks was given her. A very interesting letter from one of the members in Pasadent, Cal., was read. The corps members will meet to sew at the first meeting in March.

TWENTIETH CENTURY CLUB.

The Twentieth Century club held a pleasant dancing party at Prescott hall last night, there being over one hundred couples in attendance, music for dancing being furnished by Kittredge's orchestra.

In the ticket selling contest Miss Rose Minor won first prize, a diamond ring, and Miss Sadie Wilson was given second prize, also a ring.

Those in charge of affairs were: Mrs. Frank Moran of Lynn, general manager; assistants, Nellie Murphy, Nellie Hogan and Miss Vaughn.

ACADIAN CONVENTION.

The annual national convention of Acadians throughout New England will be held next Tuesday at Haverhill. This convention is generally held in Boston but it was deemed advisable to make a change of meeting place this year.

Many Lowell citizens of Acadian origin, among whom are Messrs. Remi Benoit, Miller Bellefontaine, Pierre Leblanc, Emile Comeau and others, intend to attend the convention.

The National Vaporizer and Vapor-Ol treatments are being demonstrated at Ellingwood & Co.'s drug store. All suffering from colds, catarrh, asthma, etc., call and get free treatment. One month's medicine free with every vaporizer during demonstration. Goods sold on thirty days' trial.

BASEBALL GAMES

Only a Few Conflicting Dates

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—After the National baseball commission had looked over the two major leagues' schedules yesterday afternoon, and agreed not to make further changes, both documents were taken back to be ratified by the leagues. The National went into session about 6 o'clock, and in a few moments it accepted the schedule as made out by Pres. Pulliam, and gave out copies to the press. The schedule was drawn up after the style of last season, but is a much better document.

The American league schedule will not be given out until this evening, but a fair line can be had on the dates by the following notes given out by Pres. Pulliam:

There will be only 21 conflicts during the season, as follows: Ten at Chicago, seven at St. Louis (this was made necessary on account of Sunday games), three at New York and one at Philadelphia. Boston has no conflicting dates.

The New York and Philadelphia conflicts will not take place until September, so that outside of Chicago and St. Louis there is practically no conflicts next season.

The season will open April 11 and close in the east Oct. 7, ending one day later in the west.

The western teams will come east first this season, opening May 9, showing that the American league will go west at the same time.

Boston will be home with Brooklyn for two games on April 19. Philadelphia will be the attraction in Boston on Memorial day, while Brooklyn will be in Boston for Labor day, Tenney's team going to Brooklyn for July 4.

This will give the American league games in Boston June 17 and July 4.

NEW YORK.

At Boston—May 1, 2, 3, 4; June 1, 2, 3, 4, 5; September 16.

At Brooklyn—April 26, 27, 28, 29; May 31; June 28, 29, 30; July 1, 10; September 13.

At Philadelphia—April 21, 22, 24, 25; July 3, 4, 4, 5; September 18, 19, 20.

At Pittsburg—June 7, 8, 9, 10; August 2, 3, 4, 5; September 25, 26, 27.

At Cincinnati June 19, 20, 21, 22 July 29, 30, 31; August 1; October 1, 2, 3.

At Chicago—June 11, 12, 13, 14; August 8, 8, 9, 10, September 22, 23, 24.

At St. Louis June 15, 16, 17, 18, August 11, 12, 13, 14; September 28 29, 30.

PHILADELPHIA.

At Boston—May 29, 30, 30, 31; July 6 7, 8, 10; September 13, 14, 15.

At Brooklyn—April 14, 15, 17; May 1, 2, 3, 4; June 1, 2, 3; September 16

At New York—April 18, 19, 20; August 31; September 1, 2, 3, 4, October 5, 6, 7.

At Pittsburg—June 1, 15, 16, 17; August 11, 12, 14, 15, September 21, 22, 23.

At Cincinnati—June 11, 12, 13, 14; August 7, 8, 9, 10; September 28, 29, 30.

At Chicago—June 19, 20, 21, 22, July 29, 30, 31; August 1; October 1, 2, 3.

At St. Louis—June 7, 8, 9, 10, August 2, 3, 5, 6; September 25, 26, 27.

PITTSBURG.

At Boston—May 23, 24, 25; July 24, 25, 26, 27; August 24, 24, 25, 26.

At Brooklyn—May 13, 15, 16, 17; July 11, 12, 13, 14; August 17, 18, 19.

At New York—May 18, 19, 20, 22; July 15, 17, 18, 19; August 21, 22, 23.

At Philadelphia—May 9, 10, 11, 12; July 20, 20, 21, 22; August 28, 29, 30.

At Cincinnati—April 14, 15, 16, 17; May 7, 28; July 2; September 14, 16, 17; October 8.

At Chicago—April 23, 24, 25; June 4, 5; July 5, 6, 7, 8, 9; September 3.

At St. Louis—April 30; May 1, 2, 3; June 25, 26, 27, 28; September 10, 11, 12.

CINCINNATI.

At Boston—May 13, 15, 16, 17; July 11, 12, 13, 14; August 17, 18, 19.

At Brooklyn—May 9, 10, 11, 12; July 20, 20, 21, 22; August 28, 29, 30.

At New York—May 23, 24, 25; July 24 25, 26, 27; August 21, 24, 25, 26.

At Philadelphia—May 18, 19, 20, 22; July 15, 17, 18, 13; August 21, 22, 23.

At Pittsburg—May 5, 6, 8, 27; June 24; July 3, 4, 4; September 7, 8, 9.

At Chicago—April 19, 20, 21, 22; June 25, 26; July 1; September 1, 2, 19, 20.

At St. Louis—April 26, 27, 28, 29; June 3, 4; September 3, 4, 4; October 4, 5.

CHICAGO.

At Boston—May 10, 10, 11, 12; July 20 20, 21, 22; August 28, 29, 30.

At Brooklyn—May 18, 19, 20, 22; July 15, 17, 18, 19; August 21, 22, 23.

At New York—May 13, 15, 16, 17; July 11, 12, 13, 14; August 17, 18, 19.

At Philadelphia—May 23, 24, 25; July 24, 25, 26, 27; August 24, 24, 25, 26.

At Pittsburg—April 26, 27, 28, 29; June 1, 2, 3; September 4, 4, October 6, 7.

At Cincinnati—April 30; May 1, 2, 3; May 29, 30, 30, 31; September 10, 11, 12.

At St. Louis—April 14, 15, 16, 17; June 23, 24; July 2; September 8, 9, 14, 16.

ST. LOUIS.

At Boston—May 18, 19, 20, 22; July 15, 17, 18, 19; August 21, 22, 23.

At Brooklyn—May 23, 24, 25; July 24, 25, 26, 27; August 24, 24, 25, 26.

At New York—May 9, 10, 11, 12; July 20, 20, 21, 22; August 28, 29, 30.

At Philadelphia—May 13, 15, 16, 17; July 11, 12, 13, 14; August 17, 18, 19.

At Pittsburg—April 19, 20, 21, 22; May breaking of the harness.

29, 30, 30; June 30; July 1; August 31; September 2.

At Cincinnati—April 23, 24, 25; June 1, 2; July 6, 7, 8, 9; October 6, 7.

At Chicago—May 4, 5, 6, 7, 27, 28; July 4, 4; September 17, 18; October 8.

COLLIDED WITH TRUCK.

Miss Ruth Fuller, aged 14 years, a niece of Mr. George W. Trull, while driving from the farm to the end of the Andover street car line to meet Mrs. Trull, was run into about six o'clock last night by a large truck loaded with grain near the blacksmith shop. She narrowly escaped injury. Fortunately the only damage was a

An established reputation of fifty years goes as the guarantee of purity and uniformity with every package of

Tetley's Tea

The Merrimack

Announce Their

FINAL REDUCTIONS

In Every Department

We've made the final cut on winter goods. From now until March 1st we will clean up all broken lots and odd sizes at about half price—in some cases less.

It's a rare chance at high grade clothes for men, women and boys.

Men's Overcoats
$7.50, $11.50, $15, $17.50

Regular lengths, Long, Box and Tourist Coats—formerly priced at $10.00 to $25.00.

Men's Suits
$7.50, $11.50, $15.00

Fancy Mixtures, Black and Blue Worsted Cheviots—in single or double breasted sacks—formerly priced at $10 to $23.

Men's Trousers
$1.65, $2.35, $3.00, $3.75

Fancy Worsted and Cheviots—formerly priced at $2.00 to $6.00.

Men's Fancy Vests
$1.65

In the new Tan coloring—formerly priced at $2.00 and $2.50.

P. A. Frocks and Vests
$5.00

In very fine Clay Worsteds—also Cutaway Frocks and Vests —sizes 34, 35 and 36—sold at $8 up to $20 for the coat and vest—choice, $5.00.

Clay Worsted Frocks and Vests
$2.00

Small sizes only—33 and 34—Cutaway Frocks and Vests—values $10 and $12.

Worsted Vests
50c

In small sizes only—33, 34 and 35—also Blue Serges and a few Fancies—values $1.50, $2.00 and $2.50.

House Coats and Bath Robes
$3.75

The final price on garments that sold at $5.00 and $7.50.

Boys' Suits and Overcoats
$3.75

Our finest qualities of which there are one, two or three of a kind—Russian, Sailor, Norfolk two-piece and three-piece suits—Reefers, Russian Overcoats and Tourist Overcoats—formerly priced at $5.00, $6.00 and $7.00.

Boys' Heavy Cotton Waists, the K. & E. make, reduced to 38c.

Boys' $1.00 Fancy Flannel Blouses, 50c.

Boys' Reefers
$1.00

Small sizes only—3 and 4 years—including garments that sold up to $3.50.

Special in Boys' Headwear

We are offering Boys' Cloth Hats, Winter Caps and Camel Hair Tams that sold at 50c each—special for 19c.

Odd Lot Men's Soft Hats
50c

Discontinued lines and odd sizes—values $1.50 and $2.00—at 50c.

Men's $1 and $1.50 Fancy Shirts
85c

Fine Percale Fancy Bosom Shirts—our usual $1.00 and $1.50 goods—in odd lots—at 85c.

Men's Heavy Fleeced Underwear
42c

Our 50c and 55c kinds—excellent values.

Camel Hair and Natural Wool Hose
9c a Pair

Heavy Weight Hose—our regular 12½c values—closing at 9c a pair.

Same story on Heavy Sweaters, Gloves and all grades of Underwear.

The Merrimack Clothing Company

CITY SOLICITOR

Charges Mr. Dodge With Making False Statements

And Dodge Questions Solicitor's Opinion—Dodge and Braden Attack City Treasurer Stiles But Fail to Phase Him—Controversy on Publication of Delinquent Taxpayers

The appropriation committee held another session last night, and charmed with its own success decided not to report at the next meeting as was intended but to prolong its sessions. In taking the heads of departments to task the committee makes frequent allusions to the charter and ordinances but it appears to have overlooked the provision of the charter which requires it to report at a certain date, now passed.

The committee started out last night to squelch City Treasurer Stiles and City Solicitor Hogan and being dismally unsuccessful, Alderman Braden and Councilman Dodge concluded that the city treasurer should be impeached and that the city solicitor's opinions were not as good as theirs.

The committee was woefully disappointed because the treasurer did not bring them a list of delinquent taxpayers that would take a couple of months to prepare and decided to hold off their report and tie up the departments until their vanity is gratified and the list is produced.

When the committee came to order last evening, City Treasurer Stiles was called in and was asked at once if he had the lists with him. Mr. Stiles replied that he hadn't the lists, and could not get them out in such short time, if he wanted to. Furthermore, he stated, that acting according to an opinion by the city solicitor he did not have to produce them.

"What have you to conceal in this matter?" asked Mr. Dodge.

"Nothing; I am concealing nothing," replied Mr. Stiles.

"Do you intend to conform with the committee's request?"

"I shall do anything reasonable and legal which the committee requests me to do in writing."

"Do you intend to abide by the city solicitor's opinion?" asked Mr. Dodge.

"I do."

"Now don't you think that places you in rather a peculiar light?" asked Mr. Dodge.

"Not at all," replied the treasurer calmly.

Councilman Dodge then asked why the poll tax abatements were sent in a lump sum instead of with names and the city treasurer replied that he followed a long established custom, and that the assessors had never asked for the names.

The city treasurer was then excused and City Solicitor Hogan was called.

DODGE VS. HOGAN.

Councilman Dodge immediately assumed the prerogative of chairman and started to fire questions at the city solicitor and was told promptly that the city solicitor was not there to discuss the technicalities of the law with men who wouldn't understand it. Mr. Dodge said that the committee's opinion was better than the city solicitor's on the law in the case, and the city solicitor informed him that he (Dodge) had the privilege to think as he pleased.

Mr. Hogan was then excused but instead of going away he informed the committee that he had a statement to make to the committee and spoke as follows:

"I want to correct an unfair statement which has been made by one of the members of your committee. Since he made the statement I have interviewed him and fully explained the matter and pointed out to him that the statement was false and unfair and reflected discredit on my department. I supposed common decency would have prompted him to have made an explanation before this committee and set my department right before the public. I refer to Mr. Dodge, who made statements before this committee which were false. He said that when an important case came up, outside counsel was engaged by the law department to conduct the case. He said, too, that there were no office hours in my department. Both statements were unfair and not true and I think an explanation should have been made."

When Mr. Hogan had finished Mr. Dodge said: "It is my contention that the law department is expensive and there are no office hours."

"It is not true that there are no office hours for my department," said Mr. Hogan. "I have told Mr. Dodge that he could find me in the office every day from ten o'clock until two, and that I was where I could be reached by telephone at any time during the day. The office does not require me to devote my whole time to the city. If it did I could not have accepted the office of city solicitor."

"I contend that you can't practice outside," said Mr. Dodge.

"Your contention isn't law," retorted Mr. Hogan.

Mr. Hogan then explained that the $460 paid Hon. George F. Richardson last year for services in the Erie tax cases was for services rendered in 1889, before he was city solicitor, and that the attorney was employed by vote of the city council.

Mr. Hogan was then excused and Messrs. Mahoney and Abbott and Clerk Kirby of the assessors' department were called in.

THE ASSESSORS CALLED.

Once more Mr. Dodge did all the talking for the committee.

Mr. Mahoney was asked why personal property valuation had depreciated, and he said: "The board assessed all the personal property possible, but there were many ways of men swearing off their personal property assessment and that many local firms had gone into corporations from year to year, so that their taxes were collected throughout the state and assessed by the state.

"There are many ways of practically evading personal taxes, and there was no alternative for the assessors. A man who was considered one of the best citizens of Lowell, we had assessed for $100,000. He came in and unbosomed and swore he was worth only $11,000, and what were we to do? We simply had to accept it—there was no alternative for us."

"Why some of the best citizens of Lowell are in on it," he said.

"You'd be surprised to know the names of some persons who put thousands of dollars in the bank before the first of May. They do this, we think simply to avoid their personal taxes."

When asked as to the future of Lowell, Mr. Mahoney said it was bright but he said one bad feature was the black eye given the city by the people themselves. He thought it about time to shout for Lowell instead of running it down. Mr. Mahoney said that if all the men on the committee went to work for the assessors they could not squeeze out any money from personal property.

The great difficulty experienced in locating local holdings in foreign corporations was explained by Mr. Mahoney. He saw no cure for the case. He knew of no way to overcome the difficulty, unless it might be to have somebody connected with the assessors secure holdings in the various corporations in order to get free access to the stock books. He thought this wouldn't be worth the expense.

The matter was discussed at considerable length, but nobody could find out what had been gained.

Before leaving the room Mr. Mahoney called the committee's attention to the fact that the old horse they used had died.

TO IMPEACH STILES.

After a recess Alderman Braden got a chance to talk a little and he accepted it and he said: "I believe the city trasurer is not a competent official and should be removed from office."

Mr. Dodge added his "me too" and told what business firms and corporations would do in such cases, the committee taking his word for it.

Alderman Cosgrove said a few words in defence of the city treasurer's right to stand against publication of delinquents which was the thing wanted by the committee. Alderman Braden and Councilman Dodge banged away at him to their heart's content and then they tackled the city solicitor's opinion which Mr. Dodge criticized and punctured with an ease and agility equalled only by the proverbial "Philadelphia lawyer."

Both Messrs. Braden and Dodge handed down a supreme court decision to the effect that the opinion was a subterfuge to help out the city treasurer.

Councilman Morse asked the committee to consider that the city treasurer was under a $50,000 bond and that if he would be liable to a law suit as a result of the names being published he could not be blamed for intrenching himself behind some legal authority for the purpose of protecting himself and his bondsmen.

Attention was called to the fact that the city treasurer would gladly furnish all the figures that the committee might want, but no names.

Then Alderman Grant stated that the city treasurer had permitted him to look at the ward eight book.

The committee finally took a more commonsense view of the situation and dropped its radical talk.

Mr. Dodge thought that the committee should tie up everything for two months in order to get the lists, and the committee thought it best to think the matter over and consult legal authority before taking decisive action in the matter.

Then Mr. Dodge wanted the overseers of the poor brought up but no action was taken.

The committee talked further about the city treasurer and solicitor and then the committee adjourned to next Wednesday.

FOUR GENERATIONS OF DAUGHTERS

LEFT TO RIGHT—JEANNETTE LAPLANTE, MRS. EDGAR LAPLANTE, MRS. ABRAM JUTRES, MRS. THOMAS LOZON.

In the accompanying group are pictures of Mrs. Thomas Lozon, aged 81; Mrs. Abram Jutres, aged 54, her daughter; Mrs. Edgar Laplante, aged 25, daughter of Mrs. Jutres, and granddaughter of Mrs. Lozon, and Jeannette, the little daughter of Mrs. Laplante, and great-granddaughter of Mrs. Lozon, all of this city.

Mrs. Lozon, who will be 81 years old Feb. 20, next, was born in Vaudlel, Que. She was the mother of 12 children, nine of whom are living.

Mr. and Mrs. Lozon were married in Canada Jan. 20, 1843, and were living in St. Paul when they observed their golden wedding anniversary in January, 1893. Three days after the celebration of that event Mr. Lozon died, and his wife came east to live with her daughter and son-in-law, at 114 Ford street, Lowell. One of Mrs. Lozon's sons, Pierre, served three years in the union army in the Civil war.

Mrs. Abram Jutres says her mother enjoys good health for a woman of her advanced years and her eyesight is excellent. She is able to read without glasses.

Mr. and Mrs. Jutres were married Oct. 5, 1875, and since then have lived in Lowell. Then children have been born to them.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Laplante, who live in the house 114 Ford street, with Mrs. Thomas Lozon and Mr. and Mrs. Jutres and family, were married three years ago and two children were born to them.

Jeannette, whose picture appears with her older relatives, was born July 16, 1903. Her mother was born in Providence Aug. 25, 1880.

CASWELL'S SPECIAL CANDY SALE.

Saturday we will offer 17 varieties of Wafers. Most of them will be made for this special sale and sold for 19c a pound box. The regular price for these Wafers is from 20c to 40c a pound. 114 Central street, over canal.

"HIKING" HOME

PORTLAND MAN WAS ROBBED IN BOSTON.

HAVERHILL, Feb. 17.—Frank Webster of Portland, Me., reported to the local police last night that he was robbed of $100 in a lodging house on Eliot street, Boston, Wednesday.

Webster says that he had been working lumbering near Patten, Me., since last November.

Last Monday, owing to the heavy snow, the lumbermen were forced to quit work, and Webster, with four companions, after receiving their pay amounting to about $100 each, started for Boston, arriving there Tuesday.

He says that he and his companions spent the day about town and all drank heavily. That evening they repaired to a lodging house on Eliot street, and Webster says he knew nothing until he awoke Wednesday afternoon and found his companions and his money gone.

He felt so ashamed of his loss that he did not report it to the Boston police, and yesterday, being penniless, started out to walk to Portland. Reaching this city last night he was given lodging at the police station. He intends to continue his journey on foot to Portland.

MILLS BURNED

DISASTROUS FIRE IN LACONIA LAST NIGHT.

LACONIA, N. H., Feb. 17.—The hosiery mill of H. B. Clow & Son, in the Lakeport district and the sawmill adjoining of George D. Merrill, were destroyed last night by a fire that started at 7 o'clock. The blaze is supposed to have started in the cardroom of the Cow mill. It spread very rapidly in the oily material.

This mill was running night and day, but the 150 operatives escaped without injury.

The firemen devoted their efforts mainly to saving adjoining property. The absence made it possible to prevent the fire spreading.

The Clow mill was worth $12,000, insured for $8000. H. B. Clow & Son had machinery and stock valued at $50,000, insured for $30,000. George D. Merrill's damage is probably about $2000.

The hosiery mill of H. H. Wood & Co., near the Clow mill, was considerably damaged by water and the windows on the side toward the fire were destroyed.

When the Clow mill fell in the electric light wires from the lighting plant just across the river all went down, and Laconia was in darkness last night.

LICENSE REVOKED

HAVERHILL MAN FOUND GUILTY OF ILLEGAL SALE.

HAVERHILL, Feb. 17.—The license commissioners last evening revoked the first and fourth class licenses of Donahue Bros. Charges against the firm were preferred last fall by City Marshal McLaughlin, after R. H. Donahue, junior member of the firm, had been convicted and fined on the charge of illegal selling. He appealed and the case was sent to the superior court.

REV. MR. MIX

DECIDES AFTER PRAYERFUL CONSIDERATION TO GO ELSEWHERE.

Rev. Clifton H. Mix, of Cliftondale, Mass., who was called by the people of the First Congregational church of this city to accept the pastorate of the church, has decided to go to the Pilgrim Congregational church of Worcester, the people of the latter church having also sent him a call. His decision to accept the position in the church at the Heart of the Commonwealth was given only after looking over the territories in both cities. In a letter he states that he has not been affected by outward conditions but by inward convictions. He declines with thanks.

Guaranteed Results

Did you ever stop to think what it means to GUARANTEE absolute satisfaction on all dental work?

We Guarantee

OUR ARTIFICIAL TEETH TO BE OF THE BEST MATERIAL AND PERFECT FIT.

Gold Crowns and Bridge Work, 22k, our price $3.00 to $5.00. Just one-half what you pay elsewhere for first-class work.

The Extracting and Filling of teeth to be absolutely PAINLESS. We make teeth as low as $5.00. Fillings 50c up.

No work ever leaves our office unless patient is perfectly satisfied as to fit and finish.

LADY IN ATTENDANCE.

BOSTON

Painless Dental Rooms

16, 17, 18, 19 Runels Bldg.

HEADQUARTERS FOR

BIRD SUPPLIES

F. & E. BAILEY & CO. Apothecaries

Cor Merrimack and John Sts. Lowell, Mass.

MANICURING PARLORS

Miss Elizabeth V. Reardon will be pleased to meet all her friends and customers at her new parlors in the Central block, where she will attend to their wants in all branches of face and massage treatment and manicuring and hair dressing. Room 53, Central block, Central street. Take the elevator. Telephone 1114-3.

REMOVAL

Miss Josephine Bonan, dressmaker, formerly at the Edson block, Merrimack street, has removed to Central block, 53 Central street. No cards. Everyone welcome. Take elevator. Rooms 52-53. Telephone 1114-3.

Wall Paper

—AT—

97 Appleton Street

Academy of Music

Richard F. Murphy, Prop. and Mgr.

Three Nights and Daily Matinees, Commencing Thursday Afternoon, Feb. 16.

PATRICE

And a Carefully Selected Company in the Massive Scenic Production,

DRIVEN FROM HOME

THE POSITIVE SUCCESS

Endorsed by Press, Public and Clergy as the successor to "The Old Homestead." Produced with all special and patented scenery and electrical novelties.

POPULAR PRICES.

CASTO

AL. HAYNES, Manager.

ALL WEEK AFTERNOON AND EVENING **FEB. 13**

McWATTERS, TYSON & CO.

Grunewald's Pianos Used in Casto.

FACING THE WORLD

With ambition and strength will not always bring success. Capital is required, you know. How, get capital? Put your dollars in this bank and watch them multiply under a constantly compound interest rate of 4 per cent. It will please us to tell you about the multiplying process.

Washington Savings Institution

267 CENTRAL STREET

Banking Rooms Over Lowell Trust Co.

MUNYON'S WITCH HAZEL SOAP

Makes the skin soft as velvet.
Improves any complexion.
Best shampoo made.
Prevents dandruff.
Stops hair from falling.
Cures all skin eruptions.
More soothing than cold cream.
More beautifying than any cosmetic.

If your blood is impure, or if you have Dyspepsia, or any liver or stomach trouble, don't fail to use Munyon's Paw-Paw Pills. They cure Biliousness and Constipation and drive all impurities from the blood and all imperfections from the skin.

—MUNYON.

The White Store

114--Merrimack St.--116

Hosiery at Less Than Cost

Friday and Saturday

LADIES' 12 1-2c HOSE—25 different kinds in twice as many styles. All our regular 12 1-2c stock, worth 19c

10c Pr., 3 Prs. 25c

LADIES' 25c HOSE—All our 25c stock—Hermsdorf, Onyx and Gordon dyes, in all weights and styles. Also the celebrated Burson hose, "knit to fit."

All 18c Pr., 3 Prs. 50c

LADIES' 50c HOSE—All weights, styles and dyes. Our regular 50c line.

38c Pr., 3 Prs. $1

Muslin Underwear

SOME VERY UNUSUAL VALUES.

$1.25 White Skirts	69c
89c White Skirts	59c
59c White Skirts	29c
89c Muslin Gowns	59c
69c Corset Covers	50c
49c Corset Covers	25c

Children's Wear

50c Drawers	25c
50c Gowns, Boys'	25c

Lowell, Friday, February 17, 1905

A. G. Pollard & Co.

THE STORE FOR THRIFTY PEOPLE

A Grand Good Under Price Attraction in

WASH FABRICS

30,000 Yards of New Bourettes and Voiles, Also Fancy Silk Suitings at Half the Regular Prices

Made by one of the best known mills in this country and includes the entire lot of remnants of all their newest and best patterns for spring and summer wear.

25c qualities, only..... 12½c YARD
37½c qualities, only..... 19c YARD

Be sure and see the window display.

SALE IN PALMER ST.—CENTRE AISLE.

AT THE INNOVATION

The finest and most sanitary Soda apparatus in this section. Ice Cream Soda with Crushed Fruits and Page's Cream, only.....5c

The greatest assortment of Hot Drinks. We can suit any palate. Served in the innovation way.

MERRIMACK STREET—CENTRE.

LADIES' OUTER-WEAR GARMENTS

Rare chances for a small expenditure of money are here in these offerings. Time spent in inspecting will be most profitable to you.

For $2.98 Each

A rack of last spring and summer suits, blouse and eton jacket styles, in fancy cloths, voiles and etamines. Mostly small sizes, 32, 34, 36. We purposely omit the original prices.

For $5 Each

Ladies' Cloth Capes, 10 in number, plain and fur trimmed, 26, 30 and 36 inches long. Were $11.50, $12.50 and $15.50.

Waists

$3.75 and $4.00 values only $2.49
$5.00 and $7.50 values only $3.49

All fall and winter styles, including black taffetas, peau de sole, fancy velvets and fancy silks. Not an old waist in the lot. A good assortment of blacks even to the largest sizes.

$17.50 and $25 Jackets Only $7.50 Each

This includes all our Best Winter Coats, made from kerseys, cheviots and coverts, medium and three-quarter lengths, box and tight fitting.

All Our $10 and $15 Jackets $5 Each

We have 30 garments only in these two lots and first choice is best.

Wrappers

We offer our entire stock of $1.50, $1.75 and $2.00 grades at only .....98c EACH

Including percales, flannelettes, striped chambrays and teazledowns. All sizes 32 to 46. Eiderdown Bath Robes and Sacques are here at about one-third the first price.

On the Bargain Counter in

THE GARMENT SECTION

You'll find these "oddments" at these below cost prices:

Flannelette, Flannel and Mohair Waists, were 98c	39c EACH
Short Flannelette Kimonos, were 98c	39c EACH
Long Flannelette Kimonos, were $1.25	69c EACH
Golf Vests, were 98c	39c EACH
Wool Sweaters, were 98c	39c EACH
Walking Skirts, in mixtures, were $2.98	98c EACH
Dress Skirts, in black and blue, were $5.00	98c EACH
Jackets, were $5.00	$1.98 EACH
Linen Suits, natural and white, were $5.98	$1.98

EAST SECTION—SECOND FLOOR.

Dr. White's Celebrated Foot Remedies

Are a sure cure for corns, callouses or bunions.....15c PKG.

His representative is here to explain their merits. If you've foot troubles come here today.

Toilet Goods—West Section.

Tea and Coffee

1 pound A. G. P. Coffee,
½ pound Formosa Tea,
1 bottle Catsup,
5 pounds Sugar,

ALL FOR 75c

Mr. Johns with Little Willie and his Daisy Brand Stove Polish is here again.

Merrimack St.—Basement.

Bargains of No Small Interest in

MEN'S WEARABLES

Bosom Shirts, colored, handsome patterns, made right, fit right, were $1.00 and $1.50, for.....79c EACH

Half Hose, good styles, fancy cashmeres, cotton and lisle, all 50c stockings, for .....25c PAIR

Underwear, 10 dozen, heavy jersey ribbed, in ecru. Both drawers and shirts knitted and hemmed in a high grade manner. Regular price $1.25, for .....75c EACH

Pajamas, samples, some are soiled, some slightly imperfect, others are mismated. Made from madras and chambray, regular price $1.00 and $1.50, for.....50c A SET

White Shirts, unlaundered, long and short bosoms, well made and right in every way, regular prices 50c and 75c, for.....39c EACH

Working Gloves, about half price, heavy gloves and mittens, buck, dogskin, etc., etc., lined or not, standard railroad gloves, regular price $1.00, for .....59c A PAIR

Always keep in mind that this is the best men's store in Lowell.

EAST SECTION—LEFT AISLE.

Bargains in Our

UNDER-PRICE BASEMENT

The most economical shopping place in New England.

$2.00 Comforters for	$1.45
$4.00 Blankets for	$2.00
10c Ginghams for	6½c Yard
6½c Print for	3½c Yard
5c Print for	3½c Yard
12½c Black Sateen	8½c Yard
12½c Bates Ginghams	10c Yard
75c Brilliantine for	39c Yard
39c Challie for	25c Yard
17c White Waistings for	10c Yd.
10c Percales for	7½c Yard
12½c Curtain Muslin	10c Yard
12½c Outing Flannel	8c Yard
10c Outing Flannel	6½c Yard
25c Gloves and Mittens,	10c Pair
$2.50 Boys' Suits for	$1.98
$4.50 Boys' Suits for	$3.49

Boys' Overcoats for half the regular prices.

PALMER STREET—BASEMENT.

TO ABANDON DEPOT

Board of Aldermen Adopts Committee's Report

Scheme to Lighten Traffic on Pawtucket Bridge—The Mayor's Appointment to the Board of Health Rejected

At a special meeting of the aldermen held yesterday afternoon a favorable report on the abolition of the Merrimack street station and the removal of the Thorndike street tracks was adopted. The report, which came from the special committee appointed to consider the question, approved of the order introduced by Alderman Fairweather, Tuesday night, providing for the abandonment of the Merrimack street station and the removal of the Thorndike street tracks because the committee believed that such changes would best serve the interests of the people of Lowell. On motion of Ald. Carmichael the report was accepted and unanimously adopted. Alderman Carmichael was given permission to address the board relative to the abolition of the station and the Thorndike street crossing. He said in part:

"I am not in favor of reconsidering the vote on the passage of the resolution offered by Alderman Fairweather, in which the mayor is requested to ask the legislature for the abolition of the Merrimack street station. I believe that this matter has been pending long enough before the members of the city government, so that their information is sufficient in the matter, and that they would be able to vote with sufficient knowledge and that the matter has been argued and talked over so fully in the newspapers and by the people, that it is a matter that needs no report from any committee of the city government and can be acted upon as intelligently now as at any time in the future. Yet I am pleased that the committee has reported in favor of the discontinuance of the Merrimack street station, as it is in line with the wishes of the community. The question of the hall and the hall site comes only into this matter indirectly. This matter can be left to be settled by report of a committee, and by the city government as they deem wise in the future.

"The city of Lowell at the present time is composed of more than 100,000 people, and the question that we should determine, is whether or not the interests of a majority of the citizens of Lowell will be subserved by the abolishment of this station. When the stations were built, over 50 years ago, the city was a very small community, with people living within a small radius of Merrimack street station, and other people living within a small radius of the Middlesex street station. There were no electric cars, horse cars, or any conveyances that people could take to the station, except carriages, and therefore it was of benefit to have a station near peoples' residences and places of business.

I believe that we are voting in the interests of the whole people, and benefiting the city of Lowell, when we voted in favor of the passage of this resolution, and I hope it will receive immediately the unanimous vote of the city council of the city of Lowell, and hope this board will not reconsider an action that is so commendable and so beneficial to our constituents—the people of Lowell."

A petition from E. D. McVey who would ask for a hearing on the matter before both branches of the city council and, on motion of Alderman Carmichael Mr. McVey was given leave to withdraw. Alderman Carmichael called attention to the fact that a hearing duly advertised had already been held and if Mr. McVey had anything to say he should have said it then.

The following order having reference to Pawtucket bridge was introduced by Alderman Carmichael:

That, whereas, for the protection of public safety, it has been proposed to construct a new bridge at Pawtucket falls to take the place of the present structure:

Whereas, it is believed that a suitable bridge may cost not to exceed $200,000; and

Whereas, in the present condition of Pawtucket bridge, there is a probability that traffic across it by street cars or by heavy teams may be absolutely prohibited;

Therefore, resolved, that for the purpose of promoting public convenience and safety, a special committee of three members of the board of aldermen be appointed to consider

First, the feasibility of connecting the street railway now in Moody street with the street railway now in Mammoth road, through Fourth avenue; and

Secondly, in view of the fact that making this connection would permit the use of Pawtucket bridge, for restricted travel for a long term of years thus saving the expense of a new bridge; and in view of the further fact that the city treasury can afford very little if any increase in expenditure for the coming year; therefore

In recognition of these facts and after hearing the evidence pertaining to this matter, this special committee is requested to advise the board of aldermen how this great advantage can with propriety be obtained for the city of Lowell.

Chairman Grant appointed as a committe Aldermen Carmichael and Allen.

A joint order to redistrict the city was adopted. The order called for the appointment of a committee. Aldermen Fairweather, Walker and Cosgrove were appointed.

The appointment of Dr. T. F. Harrington as a member of the board of health was next in order. Alderman Carmichael moved that the appointment be taken from the table. The motion was seconded by Alderman Braden and was so voted. The nomination was defeated, Alderman Carmichael alone voting in favor.

Adjourned.

GOVERNOR UTTER

GUEST OF DELTA KAPPA EPSILON FRATERNITY.

BOSTON, Feb. 17.—Governor George H. Utter of Rhode Island was the guest of honor last night at the 25th annual dinner of the New England Association of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity, held at Young's hotel. Among the other guests were former Governor John D. Long, Chief Justice John Stines of Rhode Island, Prof. A. A. Freeman of Andover, George A. Gaskill of Worcester and Philip Hinkley of Boston.

A delegation of 25 Brown University D. K. E. men came up from Providence in a private car and acted as an escort to Governor Utter.

SHOT AND KILLED

SUPERINTENDENT WAS ATTACKED IN HIS MILL.

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 17.—R. O. Pickard, superintendent of the Wilson cotton mills at Wilson, N. C., was shot and killed yesterday in the spinning room at the mill. Wiley House, a workman in a carriage factory, is under arrest, charged with the crime.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

SERIOUS INJURY

Three Victims of a Coasting Accident

FALL RIVER, Mass., Feb. 17.—Harold Negus, 16, is at the hospital with an injury to his spine resulting in paralysis of his lower limbs; Charles A. Clifford, 14, is suffering from an injured hip and Maud Lewin, 12, from bruises and cuts, as the outcome of a coasting accident here last night. Negus' injuries may prove fatal.

SPECIAL MEETINGS

BEING HELD AT CHELMSFORD STREET BAPTIST CHURCH.

The special meetings at the Chelmsford Street Free Baptist church are being continued with an increased attendance. Last evening Rev. E. P. Moulton, of Brockton, who is assisting the pastor, Rev. A. E. Kenyon, in the work, spoke from the words found in Luke 5: 18-19, being the story of a palsied man who was brought to Jesus in a bed, and let down through the roof of the house in which Jesus was preaching. The speaker drew several comparisons between the sick man and sinners, saying that sinners are soul sick and helpless, and should be brought to Christ for healing. The four men who helped the palsied man to find Christ represent the Christian friends who should bring sinners to the Saviour.

Mr. Moulton sang "Lift Now the Latch" and Rev. Mr. Martin of the Paige Street church offered prayer.

This evening it is expected there will be the largest number present of any evening this week, to hear Mr. Moulton speak on "My conception of what the Word of God says of the condition of a lost soul."

There will be no meetings tomorrow, but Mr. Moulton will be present at the Sunday services.

A TIMELY WARNING.

"I haven't time to go now," said curly-headed Jack Avery to his boy companion, Harry Reynolds, as the two talked together in the wood-shed "but come around after supper and I'll go with you then."

"My, but won't we have a good time," soliloquized Harry, his eyes on Jack's retreating figure. For a moment he stood very still, a mischievous look in his bright young face, then he gave a little excited caper and turned into the path leading across the field to his own home.

Supper was soon over in the Avery household. Jack found it difficult to go about his many duties in his usual calm way, but his work was at last done, and seven o'clock found him in the shed anxiously watching for Harry. He had not long to wait, for a whistle soon announced that his friend had not forgotten his appointment.

"Well," he said expectantly after he had returned Jack's nod of greeting. "Isn't it time to start to town?"

"Yes," Jack replied. "Come on so we can get home in good season."

A walk of a quarter of a mile brought the boys within sight of "The Retreat," the town's one saloon, located on the main street across from the hotel. A cleverly arranged electric sign brought the name into prominence. Now and then only the letters "treat" gleam out upon the surrounding darkness, to be followed speedily by the whole name brilliantly illuminated. The saloon was the only establishment in town which boasted of such a sign, and the boys gazed with fascination at its unique appearance.

Finally Jack exclaimed, "Why in the world are we standing here? Why don't we go in? That's what we came for, isn't it?" Harry started. "Of course," he said, hurriedly. "Let's go." Jack took the lead through the swinging doors and Harry followed rapidly. As they entered several men glanced up, and the saloon-keper came briskly forward. "Well," he asked, "what do you boys want?" Neither replied. "I can't sell you minors drinks, you know," the saloon keeper continued, "but you are welcome to stay at long as you like."

There was silence for a moment. Then, with a suddenness that was almost startling, a voice called: "Welcome to stay! Yes, welcome to stay to see the horrible sights in this room, to hear the conversation unfit for the ears of children"——

A well aimed blow from the saloon-keeper interrupted the speaker. "You have had too much," growled the former. "Mind your own affairs, if you please. I am running this place."

The person addressed straightened himself and took a deep breath. Then he said in clear ringing tones: "I beg of you, boys, to go home. I have had too much, but not enough, thank God, to blind me to the dangers before your young feet. I, too, was once rosy-cheeked and happy as you are; but liquor gained the mastery. Look well at me and heed my words, and in the days to come remember this gray-haired man who would have been glad if somebody had done for him what he is trying to do for you tonight." The old man then fell a shapeless heap at the saloon's doorway.

Those two happy boys had a temperance lesson that lasted them a lifetime. UNION SIGNAL.

CHILDREN'S DAY AT THE CASTO.

Tomorrow afternoon is children's day at the Casto, and the cosy theatre will be crowded with the little folks. Every Saturday afternoon the Casto proves far too small to accommodate the little friends of Manager Haynes, and the refined vaudeville programs always have many acts upon them that have special entertainment for the school children. This week's program is headed by McWatters, Tyson and company in their spectacular musical comedy which is presented with a wealth of special scenic, mechanical and electrical effects. The scenery is beautiful and the swamp scene with its huge water lilies and foliage is charming. Mr. McWatters will present his impersonation of the great Hermann's mysterious illusion in which a young lady is made to disappear and reappear in full view of the audience. It is indeed a mystifying act, and one that all should see.

The remainder of the program is composed of all comedy acts, and every one is a banner one. To every person attending the Casto, Saturday afternoon Manager Haynes will present the latest craze, a lolly pop free. Reserved seats can be ordered by telephone 815-3.

ON TIME.

In order to be on time you should have a good timepiece, either a watch or clock, and you will never get left. Read in this issue what G. H. Wood, the Central street jeweler, has to say on this subject.

BASE BALL TALK

New England League Prospects are Bright

The New England league schedule committee is at work on its annual task, that of preparing the 1905 schedule and the league will soon meet to receive and take action on their report. As Fred Lake is on the schedule committee he will probably see to it that Lynn and his old town Lowell get none the worst of it.

Martin Mack met a number of base ball magnates while at Hot Springs, Ark., and he was much impressed by the enthusiastic manner in which they spoke of the prospects for the coming season. And the game looks good for Lowell and the league. Lawrence was about the only weak team last year and that has been pulled out this year. Concord never had the big crowds that other places drew but the team was there with the goods at all times and all financial obligations were met. The "angel" is still with the team and hence Concord is all right for another season. Manchester can run the season out and ought to make money. There seemed to be some internal troubles there last year that hurt but the team finished out nevertheless. At Nashua Steve Flannagan has an opportunity to make a pot of money. Dr. Collins didn't make any but he should have if he ran his team half as carefully as he conducts his ordinary business affairs. The doctor was somewhat "E. ." Nashua is a good baseball town. Haverhill with the champions there has a roseate future before it. Many believe that the absence of Hamilton from the team will take the life out of it but such cases rarely occur in baseball. The fans are looking for the game regardless of who serves it to them and a good team will draw most any time. Fall River and New Bedford had a good season last year and are due for another. In Lynn, Fred Lake will play his opening game, the best advertised man in the New England league and once the shopmarks see him performs they'll stick to him. In his case the national agreement will be a great factor in his success for teams under the agreement cannot play within 10 miles of the city unless against his team and the independent team will have hot work getting attractions for nearly all the strong teams are in the leagues and the fans will hardly be satisfied with exhibition games when they can get a league game at the same price of admission. Manager Lake has secured the Glennures grounds which are well located and he feels confident that he will make money this season.

In Lowell the situation appears perfectly satisfactory although as yet it is not definitely known where the team will play. The Fair Grounds owners have made an offer to Mr Mack which he is considering. It will be recalled that last year the town of Tewksbury asked Manager Lake Mac for a license to play ball, the only town in this broad land that requires a license to play the national game. It is understood that this year the selectmen are willing to cut down the price but why they should charge at all passeth understanding. As soon as the schedule is out Mr. Mack will decide upon the grounds. Meanwhile the fans are divided as to which place they prefer. Manager Connors has a first class complement of men to select from and he assures his friends that his team will be as good as any and better than most of them when it gets going.

JOHNSON IS DEAD

NEW YORK LAWYER VICTIM OF MORPHINE POISONING.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Harrison F. Johnson, a lawyer, died yesterday in the New York hospital from morphine poisoning. He was removed from a hotel in Sixth avenue to the hospital in a comatose condition and died without regaining consciousness.

The police are holding Mrs. Dottie Everhard, who they allege gave the morphine to Johnson, and her companion, Lottie Reynolds.

Johnson, who was about 30 years of age, was married and had one child.

BRILLIANT RECEPTION

BY PRESIDENT AND WIFE TO ARMY AND NAVY.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—President and Mrs. Roosevelt's reception to the army and navy, the last of the formal evening social levees at the White house for the season of 1905, took place last night. It was the largest and most brilliant of any of the receptions thus far this season. Practically all the officers of the army and navy stationed in Washington were present. Invited to meet the guests of honor were the diplomatic corps, headed by Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador, the justices of the supreme court, the members of the military and navy affairs committees of the senate and house and prominent representatives of Washington and out-of-town society.

Conspicuously displayed in the long red corridor fronting the parlors were United States flags, the flags of the president, the admiral of the navy and the lieutenant general of the army and other military emblems. The marine band rendered a program composed entirely of martial airs.

The president and Mrs. Roosevelt received the guests in the Blue parlor and were assisted in this function by the members of the cabinet and the ladies of their families with the single exception of Secretary and Mrs. Hay. Col. Charles S. Bramwell made the introductions. Mrs. J. West Roosevelt is a guest at the White House.

ARE YOUR KIDNEYS WELL?

Bright's Disease, Diabetes, Rheumatism, Gout, Gravel, Dropsy, Inflammation of the Bladder, Bad Blood and Nervous Troubles caused by Sick Kidneys.

Falls & Burkinshaw, 418 Middlesex st.; Albert E. Morse, 62 Gorham st., opp. Post Office; Ellingwood & Co., cor. Central and Merrimack sts.; C. E. Carter & Co., 8 Branch st.; Frye & Crawford, 34 Merrimack st.; Davis Sq. Drug Store, A. P. Story & Co., 824 Gorham street, the well known druggists know by experience that HINDIKO will cure all forms of Kidney and Nervous Troubles, and will guarantee it in all cases.

Can't you afford to try it at their risk? It costs you nothing if it don't do the work.

Sent by mail to any address, prepaid, on receipt of 50 cents. Six boxes, $2.50, under a positive guarantee.

BARGAINS IN MATTINGS

We find after taking stock that we are overstocked in certain grades of fine Mattings—We will offer same at very low prices during rest of month or while they last.

Our 40 and 45 Cent Grades for ..... 29 Cents
Our 30 and 35c Cent Grades for ..... 22½ Cents
Our 25 Cent Grade for..... 17½ Cents

Come early and secure the best styles—All goods marked in plain figures.

J. S. Hastings, Carpets, Draperies, Upholstery Nos. 133 to 137 Merr'k St.

PARTHENAIS BROS. CO.

Tremendous February Reductions

Highly Appreciated

We offer you CLOTHING WHICH REPRESENTS ART IN STYLE, SKILL IN MANUFACTURE AND HIGH MERIT IN QUALITY. It is a pleasure to refer to these facts in calling your attention to a few special bargains for TOMORROW, SATURDAY.

Here they are:—

Men's Fine All Wool Suits, beautiful dark mixtures, which were a bargain at $10, $12 and $15, your choice now for just..... $8.00

Men's Strictly All Wool Suits, handsome light effects, were $10, $12 and $15. Now cut to..... $4.98

Duck and Sheep-skin Lined Coats almost given away.

EVERY OVERCOAT WE HAVE LEFT IS MARKED PROPORTIONATELY LOW.

Always bear in mind that in buying here you run no risk of being deceived. YOU ARE SURE OF SATISFACTION. Our guarantee says GOODS EXCHANGED, MONEY REIMBURSED.

THE NEW SPRING HATS ARE HERE

526 to 536 MERRIMACK STREET

On the Square THE BELL On the Square

THE BALANCE OF OUR WINTER STOCK

CONSISTING OF

Men's Suits, Overcoats and Pants

Boys' and Children's Clothing

Ladies' and Misses' Coats and Furs

And the Largest Shoe and Rubber Stock in Lowell

GOES ON SALE TODAY

AT FROM

35 to 60 Cents on the Dollar

Strictly Cash. One price. Your money back if you want it.
Dealers Invited

This Sale is for a Limited Period Only

Bell Shoe and Clothing Co.

31 TO 41 MERRIMACK ST. ON THE SQUARE

TRAINS TO AND FROM BOSTON

SOUTHERN DIV.

From Merrimack St.

5.45, 6.22, 6.45, 7.40, 8.55, 9.22, 11.00 a. m.; 1.40, 4.25, 5.44 p. m.

Sundays, 8.45 a. m.

From Middlesex St.

To Boston. Lve.	Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	Arr.
5.45	6.50	6.00	7.04
6.25	7.40	6.30	7.26
6.39	7.31	7.24	8.34
6.49	7.53	8.25	9.01
7.01	8.02	9.00	9.37
7.24	8.10	10.00	10.37
7.31	8.50	10.17	11.34
7.45	8.35	11.30	12.07
7.52	10.03	12.00	12.56
8.57	9.40	1.00	1.37
9.25	10.19	2.00	3.01
11.05	12.00	3.00	3.37
11.43	12.24	3.47	5.00
12.14	1.00	4.34	5.30
1.44	2.50	5.00	5.37
1.56	2.39	5.38	6.23
3.47	4.39	5.47	6.54
4.28	5.30	6.14	7.30
5.22	6.15	7.30	8.08
5.49	7.00	8.30	9.08
6.12	6.55	10.30	11.34
7.29	8.10	11.20	12.21

WESTERN DIV.

From Middlesex St.

To Boston. Lve.	Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	Arr.
6.50	7.55	7.30	8.31
8.00	8.54	9.25	10.31
9.25	10.33	10.45	11.40
10.25	12.00	11.50	1.06
12.05	1.28	2.15	3.20
12.50	2.00	3.30	4.50
2.30	3.33	4.52	5.49
3.10	4.05	6.01	7.02
3.55	5.30	6.35	7.45
5.06	6.46	9.40	10.35
6.15	7.10	*11.15	12.15
7.00	8.00		
9.30	10.25		

* Runs to Lowell Wednesdays and Saturdays only.

SUNDAY TRAINS

WESTERN DIVISION

8.15	9.23	8.00	9.13
12.10	1.20	12.00	1.00
3.55	4.50	6.00	6.23
5.32	6.33		
8.03	9.00		

SOUTHERN DIVISION

6.35	7.30	9.00	10.00
7.24	8.10	11.30	12.07
8.48	9.49	1.00	1.37
9.20	10.15	6.00	6.58
7.25	8.27	7.30	8.08
5.25	6.30	8.30	9.08
6.22	7.05	9.00	10.02

LOCAL NEWS

Tobin's—Printing—Associate Bldg. Tel.

T. A. D. Sullivan, wholesale grocer.

Hire your hacks at O'Donnell's stables. Tel. 459-4.

CASWELL'S SPECIAL CANDY SALE.

Saturday we will offer 17 varieties of Wafers. Most of them will be made for this special sale and sold for 13c a pound box. The regular price for these Wafers is from 20c to 40c a pound. 114 Central street, over canal.

Fire-Smoke-Water

Our big sale of Suits and Cloaks has been the talk of the town. Since we started we have made hundreds of ladies happy with the big bargains that we are giving them and if you have not visited our bargain sale yet, be sure and call at once. Remember the place.

458 Merrimack Street

Money saved on every purchase.

JOHN W. McEVOY
Counsellor-at-Law and Public Administrator
137 Central Street Tel. 639-4

JOSEPH E. LOUGHRAN
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
6 Hildreth Bldg. Lowell, Mass.

JAMES E. O'DONNELL
Attorney-at-Law
HILDRETH BUILDING, LOWELL

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

GENERAL MILES

Continued.

every territory. It was my good fortune to be a native of the best. I deem it always a good fortune to have started in this good old commonwealth. New England training was mine, and I found it beneficial in every sphere of life I have occupied.

"The more I journey over my own country, the more I appreciate what a grand and glorious republic we have. It is still in its infancy. The western half of our country today is not occupied by more people than are crowded into the Philippine islands, a territory not as large as New Mexico. There is plenty of room in our country. There is one state into which you could put all the people living within the borders of the United States, and then add ten millions more, and that state would not be as crowded as the state of Massachusetts. The fertility of its soil will not be exhausted in a thousand years. Beneath the surface, the mineral wealth will not be exhausted in a thousand years.

"There is more material wealth in our country than in any other country on earth. Therefore, there is room for development; there is room for energy and enterprise. There is plenty of room, in the field of activity where there is no sound of warring cannon or dying men. There is a field for every enterprise and industry, for the energy of our people. The future is as rich with its rewards as the past has been full of achievements and success. I wish you every happiness, every prosperity, and the brightest possible future."

HON. C. E. WARD.

The last speaker was Hon. C. E. Ward, chairman of the ways and means committee of the house of representatives, who substituted for Sec. Olin. After a humorous reference to his embarrassment upon being a substitute instead of a regular he said:

"I am also embarrassed in another way. I am supposed to stand as a half-hearted wretch, over and against the purse strings of the Commonwealth. The first man I saw, on coming to this hall, was Mr. Cumnock, who said, 'I am going before your committee. We have got to have that appropriation for our textile school.' Then I saw Mr. Pollard, who said, 'Not only for the textile school, but I shall go up into western Massachusetts and ask for Amherst Agricultural college.. If I can call through this evening and not promise anything, I shall consider that I have done well.'

"One thing you have lost in Lowell, that we have in the country, and that is the town meet, where you can meet and scrap out your differences and not leave them to a city council and board of aldermen.

"Different times demand different men. I have no fear at all but the men of today, backed up by the women, will take care of the present and make the pathway right for the future.

"As a board of trade, you are supposed to stand for fair trade. The best interests of Lowell demand not the schemes of Lawson, but men who will stand for solid business methods.

"We have special pride tonight, in one who never dishonored the state on the field of battle.

CHARLES E. ADAMS.

A letter from Secretary Olin announcing his inability to be present was read by President Neale, after which President Adams of the state board of trade was introduced and he spoke in part as follows:

"It may be that we shall have to depend upon the women to awaken public conscience and educate public opinion in order to eliminate many inconsistencies that are now in our governmental laws. As in our commonwealth alone there are over 350,000 women engaged in professional, mercantile and industrial life and over 30,000 women unitedly working for the betterment of the conditions affecting mercantile and industrial vocations some idea may be formed of the numerical strength, the power and the influence of these organizations throughout the country. A prominent lawyer and earnest advocate of civil service recently stated that since women had organized and become actively identified with the work of the merit system that system had not only wonderfully advanced but even the legislative bodies, although opposed to civil service no longer treated it contemptuously but recognized the truth that public opinion had reached that state where proper consideration was demanded for both the measure and its advocates.

"When in the future, history shall record the benefits derived through this United States from the gratifying development of philanthropy, trade, commerce and industry through the influence of boards of trade, it will also record how poetical by the catholicity of interests has been the work of women through their organizations in the advancing of public welfare and in the uplifting of humanity, for whatever prominence man may appear to have taken in the world's progress, some believe with a writer, that man was an experiment and woman was the finishing touch, while we all know and accept as a truism the lines that read 'Behind every great man stands the inspiring personality of some good woman.'"

The reception committee was headed by President Neale and the committee which arranged the delightful event consisted of President Neale, Alonzo G. Walsh, A. F. Swanton, H. A. Smith and Milo D. Clay.

THE GUESTS PRESENT.

Among those present were the following: At the head table—Lieut. Gen. Nelson A. Miles, Charles H. Conant, Esq., Councillor Walter S. Watson, Charles E. Adams, Representative Charles E. Ward of Buckland, Elisha J. Neale, President of the Lowell board of trade; George Edward Martin, D. D., J. L. Chalifoux, Mrs. Milo D. Clay, Vice President Alonzo G. Walsh, A. G. Cumnock, Milo D. Clay.

The others were: Frank H. Swanton, Miss Elizabeth M. Butler, Charles H. Burtt, Thomas H. Lawler, Edward J. Richardson, Thomas F. Russell, Horace Ela, Jesse H. Shepard and wife, Mr. and Mrs. George R. Dana, Secretary B. Hodgman, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Stanley, Miss Gertrude Stanley, Harry L. Stanley, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Meader, Asa C. Russell and wife, F. A. Bowen and wife, Mrs. E. J. Neale, Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Dexter, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Runels, Mr. and Mrs. William E. Walsh, Mr. and Mrs. Craven Midgley, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rhodes, Mrs. C. H. Burtt, Mr. and Mrs. William Cogger, Harvey B. Greene, Charles F. Flemings, Frederick J. Flemings and wife, Major Charles S. Proctor and wife, Albert L. Paul and wife, Mrs. F. H. Swanton, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Weinbeck, Mr. and Mrs. David B. Knipe, Mrs. Harry Stocks, Mrs. A. G. Walsh, Mrs. A. F. Swanton, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hoyt, Charles H. Dalrymple, Walter Coburn, Mr. and Mrs. George B. Holden, Arthur Mellor, Herbert L. Bishop, Fred C. Church, Walter H. Howe, Frank Y. Morse, Supt. Arthur K. Whitcomb, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick O'Hearn, S. H. Thompson, Isaac E. Wotton, W. A. Morse, general sec. Y. M. C. A.; Dr. W. M. Jones, Mrs. A. Josie Davis, Millard F. Davis, F. D. Munn, Jr., Mrs. F. D. Munn, Jr., H. F. Barnes, S. C. Davis, F. A. Spear, G. C. Prince, N. T. Wilcox, Robert H. Eaton, John H. Harrington, Paul E. Chalifoux, A. D. Sargent, Alexander Strauss, E. J. Hardy, O. D. Wilder, William E. Badger, M. J. Courtney, Hamlet Greenwood, C. F. Douglas, Azro M. Dows, Mrs. Frank B. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Douglas, Rev. Edwin B. Smith, Mrs. Edwin B. Smith, W. T. S. Bartlett, Mrs. W. T. S. Bartlett, Miss Cora M. Bartlett, Bernard F. Gately, C. H. Conant, Jr., Arthur G. Pollard, Mrs. Arthur G. Pollard, Mrs. Charles E. Adams, E. Ellingwood, F. E. Putnam, Thomas L. Dickson, Edgar H. Barker, Arthur L. Gray, Mrs. Arthur L. Gray, F. H. Claflin, David Dickson, Mrs. David Dickson, Mrs. D. L. Page, A. H. Cluer, Miss L. Ella Calderwood, Miss Minnie A. Robertson, Mrs. Hans C. Dege, John L. Robertson, H. C. Dege, Frederick Conant, H. B. Rice, C. T. Upton, Mrs. C. T. Upton, J. B. Currier, Mrs. G. L. Huntoon, Miss E. M. Wells, George L. Huntoon, John C. Burke, Mrs. John C. Burke, Wesley M. Wilder, Richard Gumb, H. M. Gumb, W. S. Mansfield, James G. Hill, C. Oliver Barnes, Edward Cawley, A. B. Woodworth, George M. Trull, E. S. Stickney, Arthur B. Humphrey, James E. Donnelly, Richard J. Welch, J. F. McCarron, John H. Gagan, James Hearn, Lawrence Cummings, John J. Hogan, George M. Harrigan, Charles H. Clogston, Mrs. C. H. Clogston, G. Paine, E. D. Shadduck, Mrs. E. D. Shaddurk, Lillian G. Smith, A. E. O'Heir, Mrs. A. E. O'Heir, Harvey D. Bailey, Mrs. Harvey D. Bailey, Hazel Chadwick, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Fletcher, Mrs. C. R. Blake, A. M. Chadwick, Mrs. J. J. Connell, Dr. A. W. Burnham, Mrs. James E. Gibson, James E. Gibson, Mrs. Henry A. Smith, Henry A. Smith.

J. M. Masson, Penacook, N. H.; Herbert E. Fletcher, West Chelmsford; Stillman C. Davis, Cambridge.

MAYOR CASEY'S SPEECH.

Mayor Casey spoke as follows:

"I congratulate the Board of Trade upon this most successful banquet, successful as it is in many ways. 'Tonight you have honored the city of Lowell in bringing here the distinguished guests that you have. We feel honored by the presence of the secretary of the commonwealth, and also by the presence of the man who is honored by every man, woman and child in the United States for his sterling integrity of character, for his high conception of public duty and the great service he has rendered his country. Lieut.-General Miles, we welcome you to our city. It is a welcome that is sincere and heartfelt. We are proud of the fact that you have honored us by coming to our city. You are in the midst of friends tonight, for every citizen who loves his country is your friend.

"A live board of trade means a live city. A live city means no stores to let, no empty tenements, plenty of work, plenty of business, a happy and contented population. Everywhere evidences of prosperity and progress are seen. The stranger knows at a glance that the city is up to date and on the road to a brighter and better future. How different with the sleepy city, with its sleepy board of trade! No rush, no hustle, things at a standstill, and everybody waiting for better days. The city looks dead, is dead, and even the air 'a solemn stillness holds.'

"Some of our citizens say Lowell is a dead city, others that we are only sleeping. A few days ago a prominent merchant said that Lowell had gone backward and was not the city it was ten years ago. He had no hopes for improvement and no idea of what the future would bring. However, most of us look upon the bright side. We have a large and populous city with thriving industries and thousands of skilled workmen who are the equal of any in the land. Each year our population grows larger, a sure sign that we are going forward; for no city on the down grade can ever gain in new residents. I have great faith in the future of Lowell and know that our city will prosper in a degree unparalleled in its history.

"You will find in every community the chronic fault-finder who sees no good in anybody or anything, who would impress you that every man is a rogue but himself, who sees no honest motive in any man's action, public or private; who drops a mysterious hint here and there that there is somewhere sinister motive hidden in the action of every public man; who raises the calamity cry, and at every opportunity speaks disparagingly of his city and its people. Such a man is an impediment to the progress of any community and should be ridden out of town on a rail.

"Criticism is too readily directed against city councils. My experience has been that the majority of men sent to city hall are actuated by a purpose to give to the citizens a clean administration. Unjustifiable criticism has the demoralizing effect of keeping many good men from serving in your city council. The incendiary utterances of men who should know better, speaking derogatory of our city, has a bad effect, for, taken as a matter of news, such statements are spread broadcast through the medium of the press, to be commented upon editorially by newspapers in other cities.

"This board has performed much good work for the advancement of the city's interests, yet it can perform a great deal more for the opportunity is ever present.

"Grasp every chance to increase the prosperity of the city, don't wait for the stranger to do it.

"Suggest and bring about public improvements when feasible.

"Communicate with the city council upon questions of public policy.

"Let us leave this hall tonight with increased pride in our city, and a firm determination to advance its interests at every opportunity, so that Lowell will continue to grow and prosper.

KEEFE & HORAN
WARREN STREET.
Hacks, Coupes and Landaus. Carriages for weddings, parties, funerals, depot and hospital service. All up-to-date coaches, every carriage furnished with the Standard Heater.

J. J. O'Connell. J. J. Cashman.
J. J. O'CONNELL & CO.
Funeral Directors
1010 Central St. Davis Sq
Telephone Connection.

JOS. F. DONOHOE
Real Estate and General Insurance
Rooms 45-47 Donovan Building, 267 Central st., Lowell, Mass. Tel. connections.

Chairs of All Kinds
Reseated and Repaired
CLARENCE MAHONEY
73 BRANCH ST.
Tel. 1367-3.

The Big Sale
Of Wagner Couch Co., New York.
Exhibition Sample
.....OF.....
Couches, Sofas
Turkish Chairs
Parlor Suites
ETC., ETC.
at .....
A. E. O'HEIR
AND COMPANY.
Merrimack Square
Opens Today

An All-Around Liniment

Witch Hazel is one of the very few remedies that are absolutely safe no matter how they are used.

Will cure any ordinary ache or pain, internal or external.

Good for bruises, cuts, burns, toothache, headache, sore feet, lameness, sore throat and any kind of inflammation.

Excellent to use after shaving. It heals the skin and leaves it soft and smooth.

These are only a few of its uses but to get good results you should use only the purest and best. Our triple extract of

Witch Hazel

is the kind you pay 25c for in the drug stores. We sell it by the pint for

15c

Talbot's
40 Middle St.

GEO. H. WOOD, *151 Central Street* THE LEADING JEWELER

OUR sale of watches during the last week has been large owing to the extremely low prices which we are quoting. We give a written guarantee with every watch sold and they range in price from $1 to $100. We quote a few prices to show what we are doing.

SPECIAL FOR SATURDAY ONLY

Gent's 20 year, gold filled case, Waltham movement, reg. price $15, **$8.98**

The finest Silver Polish in the world, **15c a bottle,** regular price 25c.

Alarm Clocks - 89c, $1.19 REGULAR $1.25 AND $1.50.

Pocket Books - . 25c, 43c REGULAR 50c AND $1.00.

Boston Bags, 39c, 49c, 89c REGULAR 50c, 75c, $1.25.

Watches - - - - $7.79 REGULAR $15. 10 YEAR.

Watches - - - - $9.98 REGULAR $18. 20 YEAR.

Tea Sets, $4.98, 8.98, 19.98 REGULAR $10, $16, $30.

Cut Glass Nappie - 98c REGULAR $2.00.

8-Day Clocks 3.98, 4.49, 4.98 REGULAR $6, $8, $10.

Rings - $2.98, 4.98, 5.98 REGULAR $5, $8, $10.

Kitchen Clocks - - $2.49 REGULAR $4.50.

SPRING STYLES 1905

Spring is near at hand. Get your ideas today from a most critical selection of the leading styles for 1905.

A pleasure to show them to you,

SUITS
IN RICH MELROSE, PANAMAS AND FINE SERGES

JACKETS
IN COVERTS, BROADCLOTHS AND CHEVIOTS

Skirts and Waists
LATEST EFFECTS IN LEADING MATERIALS

Why we are always the lowest in price. Largest buyers. Have 5 stores in other cities.

The Remaining Winter Garments Almost Given Away

New York Cloak & Suit Co.
12 JOHN STREET

May Manton's **Paper Patterns** New Spring Styles 10 Cents Each

O'Donnell Dry Goods Co.
"The Store of Quality and Style."

Advance Styles in **Ladies' Hats** are displayed today in Millinery Dept.

17,500 Yards New Ribbons
Will Be Offered Friday, Saturday and Monday
Very Much Under Regular Value : : : : : : :

Our object in making special low prices for these three days is to attract immediate attention to the largest and best assorted stock of Ribbons ever brought to Lowell at one time. Months ago we became wise to the fact that the spring season would be a big ribbon season. Ribbons are to be used on everything. Silk dresses, wash dresses, millinery and underwear. We anticipated early and largely. We make special arrangements so that our stock may be perfect from now on. Anything you may require in ribbons that is fashionable or up-to-date you may secure here, and if you want to make money bubing ribbons, come today, tomorrow or Monday and select from any of the following lots:

LOT 1 — Wash Taffeta Ribbons, 4 inches wide, 19c quality — At 12½c Per Yard

LOT 2 — Lustre Taffeta Ribbons, 5 inches wide, 22c quality — At 19c Per Yard

LOT 3 — Beautiful Satin Taffeta Ribbons, 25c quality, — At 15c Per Yard

LOT 4 — Messaline Taffeta Ribbon, 50c and 60c qualities — At 39c Per Yard

The showing includes all the new colors, the two tones, Reseda, Strogoff Greens, Violet and Mohogany, as well as the regular staple colors.

Knit Underwear Dept.

A few closing prices on odd lots for today and tomorrow.

Ladies' Oneita Combination Suits, 50c value, **29c Per Garment**

Ladies' Fleeced Vests, regular and extra sizes, an excellent garment at **33c Each**

Ladies' Medium Weight Vests and Pants, a staple 50c value, **37c Per Garment**

Hosiery Dept.

Some good picking today and tomorrow.

Ladies' Black Fleece Lined Hose, in plain or rib top, 25c quality, today or tomorrow **19c a Pair**

Children's Wool Hose, fast black, all sizes, positively 25c qualities, today or tomorrow **3 Pairs 50c**

The above two are particularly strong values but there are others if you only take time to investigate.

Ladies' Mohair Shirt Waist Suits
New Models $5 Each

There are just 50 of these to start the selling with this morning. The colors are blue, brown and black. The styles are excellent—you would really wonder how they can be made at the price. This lot won't last long—early pickers get good choosing.

Ladies' Rain Coats
Stylish Models $6 Each

You can't match them anywhere for less than $10. Some are worth $12.50, made from rainproof cloth, in up-to-date fashion and one of the most fashionable as well as necessary garments for spring wear. You'll never see anything like them when this lot is gone.

New Hamburgs 5c, 7c, and 10c per yard Three Exceptional Bargains

O'Donnell Dry Goods Co.
Merrimack and Middle Streets

Every day brings **Something New in Wash Fabrics** We are the strongest people in Lowell on this line.

$5,000 $5,000

AUCTION SALE
GOING OUT OF BUSINESS

I will sell my entire stock and fixtures in small or large quantities—

GENTS' FURNISHINGS, CLOTHING, SHOES, TRUNKS, ETC.

Sale Commences Tonight at 7.30 p. m.

and continues every day at 2 and 7.30 p. m. until the entire stock is sold, at

Nos. 94-96 Middlesex Street

J. W. BRUCE, Auctioneer. H. CARP.